



*Wild waves off the river mouth at South Head this morning, well before high tide. Photo Moruya Mail*

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## Letter to the Editor

Thanks for the important article by Phil Herrick in the Moruya Mail 25 June edition about Councillors losing power. It raises the question – Why have councillors given away their delegated powers over the years? We can speculate if it is due to ignorance or laziness or just plain gullibility when told the old line “...these reforms will be more efficient and effective”.

When elected councillors give their authority to senior bureaucrats, we can slowly but surely slide into a dictatorial regime where there is no point in having councillors except as a façade for a failed democratic process.

I was a good friend of the late journalist Eric Wiseman who attended just about all council meetings and also sat in on many committee meetings while reporting for the Moruya Examiner, Bay Post and Southern Star.

He kept an eye on things which now, according to the article, happen behind closed doors....where councillors should have independent input and power to vote on policy and development matters. I thought this was the point of a democracy at all levels of government.

**Gary Smith. Tuross Head.**

## Catch up with your Shire Councillors

Get to know your councillors at regular stalls at local markets. These monthly sessions are an easy way for community members to have an informal chat with their elected representatives.

- Tuesday 12 August, 3-5pm Sage Farmers Market at Riverside Park

## Bega and Eurobodalla Visitor Economy to benefit from NSW Government Regional Event Fund

The visitor economy across Bega and Eurobodalla will receive a major boost with six standout local events receiving support through the Minns Labor Government's 2025/26 Regional Event Fund.

The EAT Festival, 44th Merimbula Jazz Festival, **Sculpture for Clyde, Crank It Up Batemans Bay**, WinterSun Festival and Giiyong Festival are among 61 successful recipients across the state set to benefit from a share in more than \$1.3 million in funding.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland, welcomed the announcement and praised the contribution local events make to regional vitality and tourism.

“This funding will help deliver events that our region can be proud of, while attracting visitors to fill our hotels, dine in our cafes and restaurants and explore our local attractions – all of which help stimulate the visitor economy,” Dr Holland said.

“The Bega Valley and the Eurobodalla boast some of the best visitor experiences in the country. Events like these showcase the diversity, vibrancy and unique character of our region and play a vital role in supporting the communities, businesses and jobs that rely on our local visitor economy.”

The Regional Event Fund provides grants for marketing, infrastructure, and event delivery costs, helping organisers grow their events and reach new audiences. It forms part of the NSW Government's commitment to building stronger communities and growing regional economies.

Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Steve Kamper, said “Regional events are the heartbeat of local communities – they celebrate what makes each region unique while also driving real economic benefits by attracting visitors, creating jobs and supporting local businesses.

This investment of more than \$1.3 million will give certainty to event organisers across the state to elevate their offerings and reach new audiences.”

## Araluen Road – road open, reclosing Friday

A planned closure has been postponed. Work will start back up on Friday, with the road closed at the 9.7km site.

Updated schedule for this week:

- Tuesday to Thursday, 1-3 July – road open
- Friday, 4 July (8am to 4pm) – road closed at 9.7km (detour available via Larrys Mountain Road)
- Saturday 5 July – road open

We'll let you know if there are further changes. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

• [Live Traffic NSW](#)

Updated schedule for next week:

- Monday, 7 July – road closed at 32km
- Tuesday, 8 July – road closed at 32km
- Wednesday 9 July – road closed at 31km
- Thursday 10 July – road closed at 28.6km
- Friday 11 July – road closed at 28.6km
- Saturday 12 July – road open

Closures will continue to be limited to 8am to 4pm during the school holidays. Work is expected to continue through July 2025.

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# Plate Forward: RfR Wash Trailer Initiative funding from Essential Energy



Repurposing for Resilience at the Moruya Transfer Station

## Community-led beekeeping, solar and education projects funded across regional, rural and remote NSW

Repurposing for Resilience, Eurobodalla, is included in the inspiring community-led projects renewable energy initiatives, to receive funding through Essential Energy's Essential Grants Program.

Thirteen community groups across NSW have been announced as winning recipients of the program, which provides financial support for groups, service providers, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working to drive significant environmental and social change in their communities.

This is the inaugural year of the Essential Grants program, which offers grants of up to \$15,000 for community projects that provide a positive impact across regional, rural and remote NSW. Winners are chosen across the 10 operating areas of the network for the benefits they provide to their local community through initiatives supporting the environment, education, resilience or the energy transition.

Many of the groups among this year's winners have demonstrated immense resilience over the last few years, affected by recent floods, storms, fires and the cost-of-living crisis. Amid such difficulties, they have continued to support their communities through initiatives that contribute to a more sustainable future.

**Repurposing for Resilience (RfR), Eurobodalla:** RfR are delivering the "Plate Forward: RfR Wash Trailer Initiative", a mobile dishwashing facility to assist with reducing single-use packaging at festivals and events on the NSW South Coast. The completely solar powered initiative will support the regional community to minimise waste, promote a circular economy and foster community collaboration

According to Essential Energy's Head of Sustainability, Sophie Cruickshank funding community-led projects in these challenging times is important to the organisation.

"We're proud to invest in the groups who give so much to their local community, working hard to implement positive and lasting change. We look forward to seeing how the grants can further support the winners in delivering their initiatives and the benefits to their local area and beyond," Sophie says.

## BE READY – Tech Talks

- Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers for Emergency Preparedness -

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- Narooma
- Moruya
- BBay

We kindly invite you to come together and learn about

- how to help your community to stay better connected in an emergency
- Apps that could save lives
- help others to find online resources to prepare for any emergency/prolonged outage

**Details...**

**Narooma:**

Mon, 21 July – 10-12 pm, Narooma Golf Club

**Batemans Bay:**

Tues, 22 July – 10-12pm, Bay Pavilions

**Moruya:**

Thurs, 24 July – 10-12pm, Moruya Golf Club

**Morning tea provided.**

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# Councils protecting communities from the changing climate

## ALGA

Australia's councils are expected to spend more than \$2 billion over the next five years to future-proof their communities from the changing climate, according to new Australian-first research released last week.

ALGA's **Adapting Together: Local Government Leadership in a Changing Climate** report showed the climate-resilient investments by councils are estimated to provide up to \$4.7 billion in avoided costs and benefits to communities by 2030.

Speaking at the National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra, ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said: "The changing climate is putting pressure on communities, and this ground-breaking research shows councils are leading the way in preparing for and managing these ever-increasing impacts, including from natural disasters.

"These examples include planting trees to combat heat, providing community education and preparation for bushfires, coastal hazard management systems and upgrading stormwater systems and flood resilience programs," Mayor Burnett said.

"The climate of every community is different, and it's impressive to see innovative examples and strong leadership by councils across Australia to reduce climate risks and future-proof their communities." The new report used more than 200 examples of councils taking action to address climate impacts, and five case studies to model the national value of local government climate adaptation.

"Climate-resilient infrastructure is expensive and takes time to build, so we need sustainable funding from the Federal Government to implement long-term planning and adaptation now and into the future," Mayor Burnett said.

"We are asking the Government for a new \$400 million climate adaptation fund, distributed to all Australia's councils each year, to deliver ongoing and sustainable place-based climate solutions." Lord Mayor of Hobart Anna Reynolds said: "The Federal Government rightly recognises the best climate solutions come from those closest to the risks but there's a huge gap between recognising this principle and providing the funding needed to deliver it to local communities. "In Hobart, we've seen how collaboration through the 'Sparking Conversations, Igniting Action' program helped households prepare for bushfires, manage vegetation, and strengthen community connections."

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor Tanya Milligan said: "We have built a strong reputation for ensuring we adapt to climate challenges through a range of measures such as flood modelling, limited development zones, buy-backs and flood mitigation.

"Adapting to climate challenges is critical for local governments, and it's vital other levels of government consider and invest in the recommendations of this new report, to ensure communities at risk have a safer and more hope-filled future."

Read the [full report and summary here](#).

## Cheaper home batteries program begins

The **Federal Government** is helping households, small businesses and community groups bring down their energy bills with the roll out of the Cheaper Home Batteries program beginning today.

The government's Cheaper Home Batteries program will help bring down the cost of a typical battery discounted by around 30 per cent. This will save households with existing rooftop solar up to \$1,100 off their power bill every year, and those installing a new solar and battery system could save up to \$2,300 a year – up to 90 per cent of a typical family electricity bill.

One in three Australian households have rooftop solar – but only one in 40 have a battery.

The Albanese Labor Government is fixing that, by giving all Australians a proper leg up towards the cost of a battery – around 30 per cent, or around \$4,000 – off the cost of a typical home battery.

This will help Australians take control of their own power bill while reducing reliance on the grid, helping to drive down prices for everyone, and slashing bills for good. The support could drive over 1 million battery installations to 2030.

The Clean Energy Regulator (CER) is delivering the program through the existing Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme that has safely and successfully delivered solar subsidies since 2011, making Australia a world leader when it comes to rooftop solar.

The subsidy is proportionate to the size of the battery installed – ensuring people are able to pick an affordable battery that is right for their needs. This works out to 30% off a typically sized home battery – around \$4,000 off a 11.5 kilowatt hour battery, which usually costs around \$14,000.

A smaller 5 kilowatt hour battery would often cost around half as much, and will now be discounted by around \$1,800 under the scheme.

The Cheaper Home Batteries Program is part of our plan to create a fairer, cleaner, and more reliable energy system for all Australians, with an additional \$150 in direct bill relief for households and businesses also commencing today. And we're making sure no one gets left behind with our historic investments to improve 100,000 social housing properties with upgrades such as thermal shell improvements, efficient electric appliances, solar and batteries.

We're also making solar more accessible to apartments and renters through our Solar Banks program – including Commonwealth investment of \$100 million to reach 25,000 households in partnership with States and Territories. And community-led projects will help bring everyone on the journey – from suburb-wide electrification pilots through ARENA to programs like our Community Energy Upgrades Fund.



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# Batemans Bay town clock is back!

## Batemans Bay Rotary

Following two months of refurbishment work, the Batemans Bay town clock, near the foreshore in Clyde St is back on site. It is not quite working yet as we are waiting for the power to be reconnected and the new master clock that is automatically adjusted by GPS timing installed. It is good to see the Rotary clock back in place with its new shiny blue powder coating.

The iconic town clock has been gracing the foreshore since 1999. The tripod structure topped by a stylised dolphin features in many tourist photos. Not many would know that the dolphin on top of the clock tower was Batemans Bay's new town logo at the time.

This is the second town clock with the original clock being built by the Rotary Club in 1978. The original clock was removed by council in 1994 and replaced with the public toilets.

Design, construction and fundraising under the capable hands of Rotarians, Ron Sydenham and David Wood saw, in 1999, the workings of the old clock rebuilt and placed in this stylised structure in the town centre. The design won a Rotary district community service award at the time. Up until the recent renovation, Rotary volunteers manually adjusted the clock for day light saving each autumn and spring and ensured the clock was set to the correct time. The town clock mechanism and faces were refurbished in January 2018 and installed with LED lighting. However, it was apparent that the clock tower structure needed some attention. In 2024 the Rotary Club secured a NSW Government Grant to assist in the cost of refurbishing the clock.

Work commenced in November 2024 with a plan to have the existing structure removed, dismantled, sand blasted and powder coated. The clock faces and mechanisms were to be updated.

The clock was removed in April 2025 and over the next two months has had the necessary repairs and refurbishments carried out. The clock was lifted back into place on Thursday 26 June 2025. It is expected the Rotary clock will be again displaying the correct time after the instalment of the new master clock timer during the next month.

Batemans Bay Rotary would like to pass on our gratitude to Eurobodalla Shire Council and Eurobodalla Cranes who assisted in the removal and replacement of the clock tower. Our thanks to H&S Sheds who provided the transport to and from Queanbeyan for the refurbishment work and trailer to move and return the clock tower from the site. Simplex has provided the new master clock and carried out the maintenance on the existing clock mechanisms. We also acknowledge the grant provided by the NSW Government that made the whole project feasible.



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## \$10,000 incentive for home building apprentices starts today

"Today (June 1) marks the beginning of the Key Apprentice Program which will provide new commencing apprentices working in residential building trades with financial incentives totalling \$10,000," said **Geordan Murray, HIA Executive Director - Future Workforce**.

Under the Key Apprentices Program, eligible apprentices will receive \$2,000 at 6, 12, 24, 36 months, and at the completion of their apprenticeship.

"It is critical that we accelerate the growth of the housing industry's tradie workforce if we are to get anywhere near building the number of homes set out in the National Housing Accord," added Mr Murray. "These incentives make apprenticeships in residential building trades far more appealing for those weighing up their career options. This should translate into much stronger numbers looking for apprenticeships."

"While we are optimistic about the government's continued support for apprentices, encouraging young people into apprenticeships is only addressing part of the problem."

"We also need to increase in the number apprentice jobs being created and boost the Vocational Education and Training sector's capacity to deliver training."

"While employers recognise the importance of training the next generation of tradies, many see apprenticeships as too costly or risky to justify within their business."

"Financial support for employers who create the training and employment opportunities for apprentices is critical if we're serious about meeting skilled labour demand over the next decade."

"There are existing commonwealth financial support measures available to employers, however, they are generally inadequate to encourage builders and trades to take on an apprentice. Current incentives are also only guaranteed until the end of 2025."

"A much longer-term commitment is needed, as businesses are already planning for their workforce needs in 2026 and beyond, and we need apprenticeships to be front of mind."

## Backing the Future for youth in NSW

### Applications now open for \$50,000

FRRR and VFFF are now inviting applications for grants of \$50,000 from individuals to develop innovative ideas that enhance the lives of young people (aged 12-30) in remote, rural, and regional NSW.

The grants are available through the Backing the Future program. In NSW, the program has already supported 28 individuals by investing \$1.4 million in their rural youth-focused projects.

Jenny Wheatley, VFFF CEO, said VFFF is excited about Backing the Future's potential to discover transformative ideas.

"Our experience shows that the hardest part of getting a project off the ground is securing initial funding to test the idea. This is especially true in rural and remote areas, where high costs and smaller populations make piloting new projects even more challenging."

"Backing the Future bridges this gap by trusting that leaders in local communities can create transformative opportunities for young people, when provided with the right resources."

"Applicants not only get the grant funding, but they are also connected in with the staff from FRRR, who provide additional capacity building, connections and networking to ensure that grantees have an opportunity to pilot innovative ideas," Ms Wheatley explained.

The Youth Futures team will also be holding a webinar at 12pm (AEST) Monday 7 July, and FRRR encourages interested applicants to register to learn more.

Register at: <https://ow.ly/OWSH50W8a6c>.



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## NSW News in Brief

### New tobacco licensing scheme comes into force across NSW

NSW retailers and wholesalers who wish to sell tobacco, or non-tobacco smoking products, now must apply for a licence as part of the NSW Government's Tobacco Licensing Scheme.

Applications will be screened to check if the applicant has been found guilty of an offence relating to the sale or supply of tobacco or vaping goods under any relevant state, territory, and Commonwealth legislation, which could see them refused a licence to sell these products.

The new Tobacco Licensing Scheme, which has come into effect today (1 July), will give retailers and wholesalers a grace period until 1 October 2025 to apply for a licence.

Retailers must display their tobacco licence at the point of sale.

In NSW, vaping goods can only be purchased from pharmacies. It is illegal for all other retailers to sell any type of vaping good, regardless of its nicotine content. Pharmacies do not need a tobacco licence to sell vaping goods.

New penalties have also been introduced for anyone caught selling products without a valid licence.

The maximum penalties will be:

- For individuals - \$11,000 for a first offence, and \$44,000 for a second or subsequent offence
- For a corporation - \$220,000

### NSW Government only 4% off 2030 emissions target with new Net Zero Plan to come

The NSW Government is reducing emissions and moving closer to reaching its Net Zero targets. The state will bridge the gap with a new plan to get to net zero by 2050.

The legislated climate targets for NSW are to reach 50% reduction by 2030, 70% reduction by 2035, and net zero by 2050. Latest updates from the emissions projections show a strong improvement to the state's reductions, with NSW estimated to reduce emissions by 46% in 2030 and 62% in 2035.

A new Net Zero Plan will be designed to ensure NSW can meet the 2030 & 2035 targets.

### NSW Government delivers 3.5% pay rise for community services workers

Tens of thousands of frontline community services workers will receive a 3.5 per cent pay rise as part of the Minns Labor Government's 2025-26 Budget.

The pay rise is the result of a Budget decision to provide \$122 million of additional funding to Non-Government Organisations so they can pay the increase in the minimum wage for community services workers. It follows the Fair Work Commission's annual minimum wage determination.

Those receiving the pay rise include crisis accommodation workers, counsellors, social workers, youth workers and legal officers working for organisations with relevant NSW government contracts.

### \$200,000 up for grabs to engage seniors

Applications are now open for the \$200,000 NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program 2026, with funding of up to \$5,000 and \$10,000 available for events taking place during next year's festival taking place from 2-15 March. The theme for 2026 is 'Live life in colour', to encourage seniors to celebrate new adventures and embrace creativity, new connections and an active lifestyle.

The grant program offers funding of \$1,500 to \$5,000 for community programs and activities, and up to \$10,000 for local government hosted large-scale activities. Applications close on Tuesday 12 August 2025.

Visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/seniors-festival-grants-program/nsw-seniors-festival-grant-program-2026> to apply. Regional applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

### NSW Government delivers cost of living relief with \$250 washing machines

The NSW Government has introduced a scheme to provide thousands of new, energy and water-efficient washing machines at a significantly discounted price for pensioners, veterans and social housing tenants. Up to 8,000 eligible households can get their hands on a brand-new front-loader washing machine for \$250, thanks to a program to help low-income households with cost-of-living pressures, including water and energy bills. To apply and check if you are eligible, please visit: [Washing Machine Exchange Program](#).



## 6 Wattlebark Close

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- Brick veneer construction & tile roof
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- 650m approx to Moruya Hospital
- Quiet cul de sac street
- Multiple living zones



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- Large 12 x 7m shed
- Manicured gardens & large veggie patch
- 4.1km approx drive to Township



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## New federal funding for councils to support housing delivery

"The Federal government's announcement that Councils are to receive \$1.7 billion early funding to assist with the provision of shovel ready housing projects is a key part of addressing the nation's housing puzzle," **HIA Chief Executive Industry & Policy, Simon Croft** said.

"These funds are an important investment and should predominantly be directed toward enabling infrastructure such as roads, water and sewerage to unlock residential land across a range of development settings.

"As all local governments, metropolitan and regional, are being encouraged to meet housing targets this is a key measure for investment in infrastructure where it is needed most.

"Funding of infrastructure is a burden that has been unfairly placed on builders who then have little choice but to pass this cost onto home buyers. Councils have equally been struggling to fund the necessary infrastructure and this early funding from the Federal government can help ease this burden to enable the provision of more affordable housing delivery.

"The other key investment from this funding, should be directed towards supporting council planning areas to fast track approvals. The current resource shortages across local councils, is one of the primary reasons for protracted approval timelines being experienced across the country. "HIA would also urge that this funding have a specific percentage directed towards regional areas.

"With regional Australia now home to more than 8.5 million people and growing, it is important the funding be allocated proportionally to support the delivery of new homes in regional Australia.

"We need to build 240,000 homes every year just to meet demand, yet last year we fell 60,000 homes short. This funding can play a key role in supporting local councils to bring forward housing approvals to get keys in the door faster," concluded Mr Croft.

## Environment in Freefall: NSW State of the Environment Report "Truly Alarming"

The NSW State of the Environment Report, release last week, paints a grim picture of the health of NSW ecosystems according to the **Nature Conservation Council of NSW**, the state's leading environmental organisation.

The State of the Environment report is NSW's premier scientific report card, released every three years. It describes the health of our life support systems – the land, water, air and ecosystems, and it tracks trends over time. This year almost all indicators are "getting worse".

### Key Report Findings

Since the last report, 36 more animal and plant species have been listed as threatened with extinction.

Since 2021, there have been 190 fish kill events, with tens of millions of fish dying in some events.

Alarmingly, the fastest growing segment of threatened animals is those which are critically endangered, which grew by 35 species over the same period. This is a stark indicator of the worsening biodiversity crisis, and shows current settings to protect endangered species are not working.

Across the state, distribution of native land mammals continues to shrink, with fewer habitats left to offer safe refuge. The clearing of native vegetation remains significantly higher than before land clearing laws were loosened in 2016, with agriculture the main driver.

Projections show that only half of all native animal species currently listed are expected to survive the next 100 years.

### Recommendations

In response to the State of the Environment report card, NCC is calling on the NSW Government to:

- Rein in land clearing for agriculture by closing legal loopholes.
- End native forest logging, protecting 1 million hectares of our most precious forest for conservation and recreation.
- Reduce water extraction by irrigators, allowing inland rivers to connect and flow.
- Restore coastal estuaries to protect communities from climate impacts.
- Increase funding for environmental programs from 1.6% to at least 2% of state expenditure to resource an effective NSW Nature Strategy.

Jacqui Mumford, Chief Executive Officer of Nature Conservation Council NSW said - "Every NSW resident should be outraged that our shared natural heritage is being stolen from under our feet. The risk to First Nations cultural heritage is intolerable. Indigenous knowledge must be informing the protection and restoration of Country.

"This report confirms what we already know, and the message couldn't be clearer. Nature in NSW is in deep trouble and those in power are failing to turn this alarming trajectory around. Our state's environment is being mismanaged, and until the developers, irrigators, and logging companies are kicked out of government back-rooms, nothing will change. The ecological carrying capacity of NSW has been slashed to 29% of its natural level since colonisation.

"Our rivers are being sucked dry, forests are shrinking, and species are vanishing. We need the NSW Government to act with the urgency that the biodiversity crisis demands.

"The NSW Government urgently needs to develop and implement their Nature Strategy, fix the laws that aren't working and truly chart a path out of this crisis."

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## Fungi Feastival Fun These School Holidays – Kids' Events Across the Region

The Fungi Feastival is back this July with twenty family-friendly events across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley – from creative workshops to fascinating forest forays and even a truffle hunt or two. Whether your child loves art, science, or nature, there's something magical waiting to be discovered in the whimsical world of fungi.

### Creative Kids Workshops

Let imaginations bloom with Fungi Art and Craft sessions in Bermagui, Bodalla, Moruya and Batemans Bay. At Art Central in Moruya 19 July, kids can get hands-on with rock painting, clay moulds and paper sculptures – all mushroom-themed, of course!

At Bermagui on 5 and 19 July, children's educator Caitlin Brown leads a playful journey into fungi using natural materials to build tiny forest ecosystems full of colourful mushrooms and forest creatures.

### Storytime with Science

Children's author Ailsa Wild visits Narooma and Bega Libraries with readings from *The Forest in the Tree*, her charming picture book about chocolate trees and the underground world of mycorrhizal fungi. Aimed at 5–8-year olds, these interactive sessions include drawing and character creation inspired by real-life fungi.

### Kid's Craft at the Botanic Gardens

Join the team at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens on 12 July for Fungi Fun, where kids learn about mushrooms and make their own crafts to take home.

### Forays and Forest Walks

Young nature lovers can explore real-life fungi with guided Fungi Forays led by fungi experts like Marita Smith of Milton Mushrooms, 12 July at Surf Beach, and fungi author Pam O'Sullivan in Brogo 12 July and Dalmeny 13 July. These gentle walks introduce families to the incredible diversity and ecological roles of fungi, from decomposers to symbiotic soil companions.

### Family Film Experience

The internationally acclaimed science documentary *Fungi: The Web of Life* screens at venues in Moruya 5 July, Batemans Bay 12 July and Barragga Bay 20 July, matinee. Join Dr Merlin Sheldrake on a visual journey from the forest floor to ancient rainforests, uncovering the unseen fungal networks that connect life on Earth.

### Mushroom Growing for Youth

Teens (aged 12–24) can join a free hands-on workshop in Bega 16 July with Josh Whitworth of Collective Cultures. They'll learn to grow oyster mushrooms in recycled buckets and help build a wine cap mushroom bed. Hosted by Grow the Future, this workshop blends science, sustainability and DIY gardening.

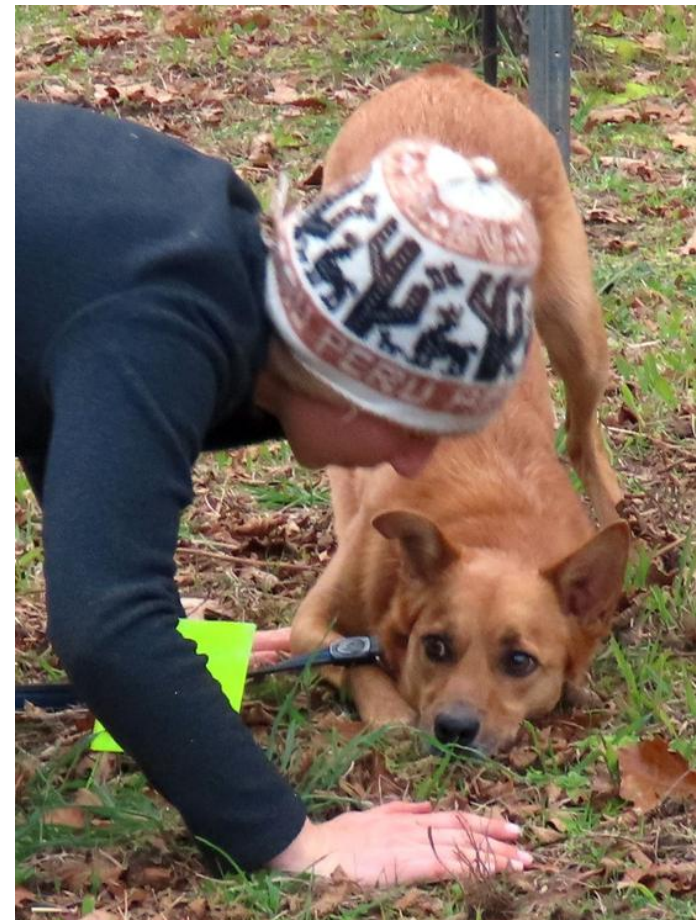
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# Academy Award winning film NO OTHER LAND coming to Moruya 6 July

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NO OTHER LAND, a film of occupation, friendship and hope in the Palestinian West Bank will be screened followed by a discussion about what lies behind the explosion of war in the Middle East. NO OTHER LAND, a film of occupation, friendship and hope in the Palestinian West Bank will be screened followed by a discussion about what lies behind the explosion of war in the Middle East. Palestinian Film & Discussion at the Red Door, on July 6 at 2.30 pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Church, Page St, Moruya. Retired Bishop and past President of the Australian Palestine Advocacy Network, Dr George Browning, will lead the discussion. Dr. Browning has been a frequent visitor to Palestine and has hosted Palestinian leaders in Australia.

NO OTHER LAND was one of the most important and lauded films of 2024, winning Best Documentary Feature at the 91<sup>st</sup> Academy Awards to a standing ovation. It reveals the personal realities that lie behind the headlines.

The film is the story of Basel Adra, a young Palestinian activist who, since childhood, has been fighting the mass expulsion of his community by the Israeli occupation.

Basel strikes up an unlikely friendship with an Israeli journalist, Yuval Abraham, and the two commit themselves to documenting and protesting the demolition of West Bank communities. The resulting film is an inspiring testament to difficult friendships and Palestinian resilience.

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## Far more than pub grub at Nelligen



**By John Longhurst**

The Steampacket Hotel in Nelligen has thrown down the challenge for a great pub food experience in the Eurobodalla Shire.

Without poker machines the hotel exudes a sense of community and a strong family vibe.

**Head Chef Jeffery Razon** was trained in Sydney and has worked in the industry for some 23 years, including stints at 'Est' in George Street, 'Cafe Del Mar' at Cockle Bay Wharf and 'The Hermitage' in south west Sydney.

He moved to the Shire twelve months ago and brings his skills preparing modern Australian fare as well as South East Asian dishes and all the way through to classic French cuisine. The revamped pub menu ranges from all the classic pub fare such as the compulsory 'Chicken Parm' through to burgers and steaks.

The more adventurous are welcomed to sample the 'Baked Camembert' or even the 'Nelligen Nachos-Bean (vegetarian) or Beef Chilli'.

With four other chefs with a Nepalese origin working at the Steampacket Hotel, unsurprisingly curries are a menu speciality and the winter clientele has been treated to weekly specials. The butter chicken served with basmati rice and roti canai was a winner last week.

All meats for the regular big spits are sourced locally from Ronny at Haven Quality Meats Batehaven.



Wood fired pizzas are also bringing the crowds in and are served after 5.30pm from Thursday through to Saturday. A favourite amongst the locals is the Salsiccia pizza with a serving of Nduja sausage a spicy, spreadable pork sausage originally from the Calabria region of Italy. It is sourced from a providore in Sydney, whose identity would not be revealed by the Head Chef.

For the sweet toothed, it is a toss up between the sticky date pudding or the churros for a delightful dessert.

Servings across the menu are generous and well presented. A very reasonably priced children's menu at \$12.00 makes family dining affordable.

In an attempt to cater for all, there is even a 'Best Mate Menu' for dogs with a serving of fresh ground beef with egg for \$10. Head Chef Jeffery Razon praised his kitchen team for the transformation of the dining at the hotel.

Jeffery said "I have a great team in the kitchen. And couldn't achieve the great product without them."

In a first for the Eurobodalla Shire, it is now possible to indulge in a late lunch or an early dinner at the Steampacket Hotel.

Whilst the bar is open from 11.30am until late, the kitchen is open from 12.00am all the way through to 9.00pm every day.

The hotel also runs a courtesy bus is in operation from Long Beach to Broulee and patrons are encouraged to call (02 64211092) to enjoy a stress free meal.

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# Community gathers to celebrate successful Bay Rotary Year

By John Longhurst

More than 60 people came together at the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay annual Changeover dinner at the Soldiers Club last Thursday evening.

The event marked the transition of leadership from one Rotary year to the next, and honoured the club's accomplishments and their support for the community over the past year.

Outgoing President Pam Thorpe delivered a heartfelt farewell address as she reflected on the achievements of Rotary Batemans Bay.

Pam said "Our major fundraiser is the Rotary Sunday Markets held on the first and third Sunday of each month. Market Manager Neil Simpson and his team of helpers commit hours of work to ensure they are run professionally and can be relied on by stallholders. The Sunday Markets are a real winner with locals and bring in many tourists."

President Pam highlighted the Club's highly successful youth programs by Rotary.

"We provide opportunities for many local youth to participate in leadership, academic and personal development programs and we support young people to achieve their goals in life".

"Also, the Club continues to offer scholarships to ANU 3rd Year Medical Students to encourage them to pursue a medical career in rural Australia. \$5,000 was divided between four ANU students this year."

The Club then presented \$20,000 to the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Carers Accommodation group (CAERH) to assist in their fundraising efforts to build accommodation for families and carers of patients at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital being built at Moruya.

Pam said "International Director, Jeff Thorpe and four members of the Club made the trip to East Timor for the opening of Sulilaran School last November. This is the third school building project we have assisted through Spend It Well. The Club donated an additional \$5,000 towards the cost of the upkeep of seven school gardens, and it was encouraging to see students harvesting the fruit and vegetables from these gardens".

"The Club has also been involved with sponsoring a new project in Africa - Maasai Mamas-where water flows, opportunity grows - and Rotary member, Sharlene Cohen is the driving force behind this Kenyan project."

The Pride of Workmanship Awards held in October with eight local employees were rewarded for their outstanding work under the watchful eye of Youth and Vocation Director for the Club, Alan Russell.

The evening also featured the presentation of several awards to club and community members to recognize their outstanding contribution to the community. Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) were presented to Col and Bronwyn Jay (Moruya Rotary Club) who initiated and ran the raffle for the electric car for the Carers Accommodation fundraising at the Moruya Regional Hospital, raising over \$110,000 and to Moruya Jockey Club Manager Ken Brown who tirelessly supports Rotary and other community organisations at race day events.



New Batemans Bay Rotary Committee. From L-R: Sofia Keady - Director Public Image, David Friedlib - Director Rotary Foundation, Bronwyn Geppert - Director International Service, Alan Russel - Director Youth & Vocation, Nicole McDonald- Treasurer, Brian Jones- Secretary, David Ashford- Director Community Service, Chris Watson- Director Club Service, Neil Simpson - President.

Pam and Jeff Thorpe were given a rousing sendoff with sincere thanks from the Club. Not only are they leaving Rotary, but they are also leaving Batemans Bay for the sunny skies of Brisbane. Incoming President Neil Simpson said 'I look forward to a great year of supporting our local and global communities. We now live in a different world with different needs and where our future members have different expectations. Rotary Batemans Bay is in a great position to continue to cope with that change, while still ensuring our members have fun, friendship and fellowship'.

"We encourage anyone interested in community service to attend a meeting or learn more about Rotary membership at [www.rotarybbay.org.au](http://www.rotarybbay.org.au)".

Batemans Bay Rotary Club has increased its membership over the past year and now has 36 active members and 4 Honorary members, making it the fastest growing Club in the Rotary District.



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# Narooma Rotary celebrates a rewarding year



Host families for Narooma's Finnish exchange student Hilma Koskiniemi were Julie and Tony Penglase's from Bermagui, Françoise Cleret and John Cunningham from Dalmeny and Sally Hearder's from Tuross Head. They are shown here with President Julie Hartley, Hilma and her counsellor Susanna Chung.

Representatives of neighbouring Rotary Clubs, local service and community organisations joined Narooma Rotarians and friends last week to celebrate a successful 2024-2025 and to share in their optimism for the year ahead.

Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley said she challenged herself taking on the position of President last year but has learned so much from District and other Rotary Clubs as well as members. "The highlight of our Rotary year was hosting our wonderful Finnish exchange student Hilma Koskiniemi," she said. "Susanna Chung, our Youth Exchange Officer, has been a keen and involved counsellor for Hilma and her host parents who have gone above and beyond to look after her and give her the best experiences possible."

"Hosting Hilma has been a wonderful experience and we've all seen her grow in her 12 months here. Among other things, she has become a keen surfer!"

Narooma Rotary provided over \$31,648 in the 2024-2025 year to local and international programmes including prostate cancer research, mental health research and the Carers' Accommodation for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital as well as providing many opportunities for local youth and businesses. The Club also provided \$18,000 in Tertiary Scholarships, thanks to several benefactors.

Mrs Hartley thanked the Board, all members, partners and Friends of Rotary for their work, support and assistance throughout the year.

She named David McInnes the Club's Rotarian of the Year in appreciation of his support and efforts through the year.

Françoise Cleret received the highest recognition a Rotary Club can bestow by being made a Paul Harris Fellow. This recognised her enthusiasm and hard work with the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, her hosting of our exchange student Hilma.

Julie Hartley is also President for the 2025-2026 year.

For more information, please see [www.naroomarotary.org.au](http://www.naroomarotary.org.au)



President Julie thanked Youth Exchange director Susanna Chung for being the inspiration behind Rotary Exchange Student Hilma's visit and for her enthusiasm and generosity as Hilma's counsellor.



President Julie Hartley awarded Secretary and Vice President David McInnes Narooma Rotarian of the Year.

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## Friends of the Forests reports:

Dr Michael Holland MP - Member for Bega has responded to community concerns! On Monday morning, after their office received many calls and emails, (after we letterboxed all the houses surrounding the logging 10 mins nw of Moruya), his office rang to advise they had written to the Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe about our letter asking for the Protection of Greater Glider Habitat in Mogo State Forest. Big shout-out for your actions as together we have demonstrated to our MP, community concerns that get results. The loggers are getting very close to where 10 endangered Greater Gliders were found by a federally (Dep't of Environment) funded thermal drone survey (done with FCNSW permission) between Maulbrooks Rd and Polwombra Roads.



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## Gadfly

Until recently, I regarded A.I. as just another technical assist, a natural enhancement of Google where one finds the perfect word to complete a sentence, or to expand on the broad brush of Wikipedia info. From last month when I returned to writing fiction after several decades of Australian history, I used its ChatGPT version when seeking the answer to a complex question about a bleeding shark. It was a very scary experience, of which more later.

I'd had a big surprise when the Australian Writers Guild told me that seventeen of my non-fiction books had been plundered by the thieves of Silicon Valley to enhance their A.I. development. Naturally, I joined the class action for compensation from Meta for illegal use of our copyrights. Last week a San Francisco judge ruled against one aspect of our claim. It was time, I felt, to come to grips with those two seemingly ingenuous initials: A.I.

Forests have been sacrificed to arguments over their rights and wrongs so went directly to A.I. itself to see what the fuss was about. 'At its core,' said Mr/Ms Chat, 'A.I. simulates aspects of human cognition. Some systems are narrow or "weak", designed to perform specific tasks (like playing chess or identifying photos of cats.) Others are pushing the boundaries towards artificial general intelligence, a hypothetical form of A.I. that could understand, learn, and apply knowledge across a broad array of tasks like a human being.'

Yes, that's the one I wanted. They were more than happy to oblige. They're salespersons supreme - eager and deferential. I found myself thanking them for answers and apologising for having to decline their offer to stay and chat!

'The future of A.I,' they said, (pretending to be impartial) 'is simultaneously promising and challenging. On one hand it has the potential to revolutionise industries. In healthcare, it can help detect diseases earlier and personalise treatments. In education, it can tailor learning to each student's pace and style. In business it can enhance productivity, automate repetitive tasks, and generate insights from big data. It also plays a growing role in climate science, transportation, and space exploration.

'However, with great power comes great responsibility.' (Not only impartial but ethical too) 'As A.I. systems become more capable, concerns around ethics, privacy, bias, and job displacement become more pressing. There is a global conversation underway about creating policies and standards to ensure A.I. development is safe, transparent and beneficial to society. Organisations and governments are working on frameworks to align A.I. with human values...Looking ahead, A.I.'s trajectory will likely be shaped by how well we navigate these tensions. A.I. could become one of the most transformative tools humanity has ever created.' (What is the downside? Not a word from Mr/Ms Chat.)

Here's the really scary part. Look around. If, as suggested, we 'align A.I. with human values' we will destroy humanity and perhaps the globe itself.

We are a species that has normalised war. That has refused to respond to the horrors of climate change. That profits the strong over the weak. The wrecker over the carer. The fable over the fact. The gun over the compromise. The man over the woman. Excess over moderation.

And who is conducting that 'global conversation'? Not the Silicon Valley thieves. Not the autocratic governments of Russia, China and Trump's America. They are inventing and using it to become impossibly rich or to destroy the voices of democracy (or both) where they decide what's news, who's taxed, and who goes to war with whom.

Frankly, I'd prefer to be in a pool with my fictional bleeding shark.

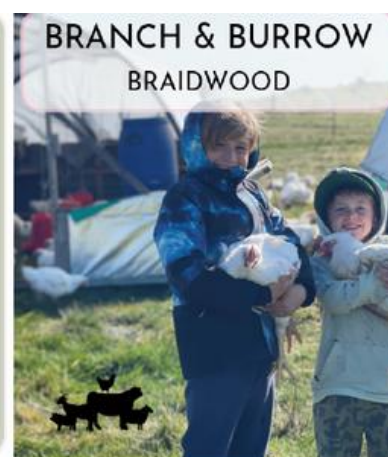
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“By gee.....you old blokes must be feeling the cold.”

There was the odd bone creak in the silent and passive competition for heat from the open fire.

Mick, feigning nonchalance to the cold in shorts and thongs, steadied his shaking schooner with both hands and turned to Simon.

“Not really, young Simon.....You need to toughen up a bit. It’s nowhere near as cold as it used to get.”

There were nods of agreement and old Bill cleared his throat.

“When I was your age, Simon we used to gather like this around the fridge with the door open to keep warm. Now that was cold.”

There were a couple of chuckles and Mick’s bald head was apparently trembling in agreement.

Old Bill sucked in a deep breath.

“That doesn’t even rate with the cold down Gundagai way. You see, there was this dog down there that used to piss on his owner’s tuckerbox.....”

Simon’s jaw dropped.

“Hang on, Bill, that’s a tale about a dog being loyal and guarding his master’s food. There’s a statue and a song.....”

Old Bill cut him off with a shake of his head.

“Nah.....stay away from that Google thing, Simon .... The real story is this bloody dog decided to piss on his owner’s tuckerbox one night in mid winter and a cold snap froze it in the act. It was so cold the dog remained frozen like that all winter. Well.....every dog owner in the district brought their mutt to witness it as a lesson. The arts community thought it was a mystery ice sculpture by some kind of 19th Century ‘Banksy’ type artist so it became a tourist attraction. Of course, come summer they had to build a statue, change the story and make up a song to keep the tourists coming .....and save the good name of Gundagai..... but the point is.....that’s how cold it used to get.”

‘Timeless Tom’s’ long sigh broke the pause.

“Ahhhhh..... you are all a bit soft. Crikey, Simon..... when I was your age we would call this weather spring. In ‘59 I was fencing for this bloke up the Clyde Mountain in the middle of winter. It got so cold his wife used to grow ice flowers. Anyhow, this bloke forgot all about me working one day and I had to spend the whole night in the far paddock. It was so cold the moon even balked at coming out. By nine o’clock there were stalactites of ice on the barb wire fence I was trying to sleep under and that was before the real cold set in around midnight. By then, you needed an ice pick to blow your nose.”

Mick’s knees knocked together and Simon let out a long “Bloody.....hell. How did you survive the night?”

‘Timeless Tom’ took a long sip and relished the short silence.

“Well luckily, I had a spare cigarette paper I could use for a blanket.”

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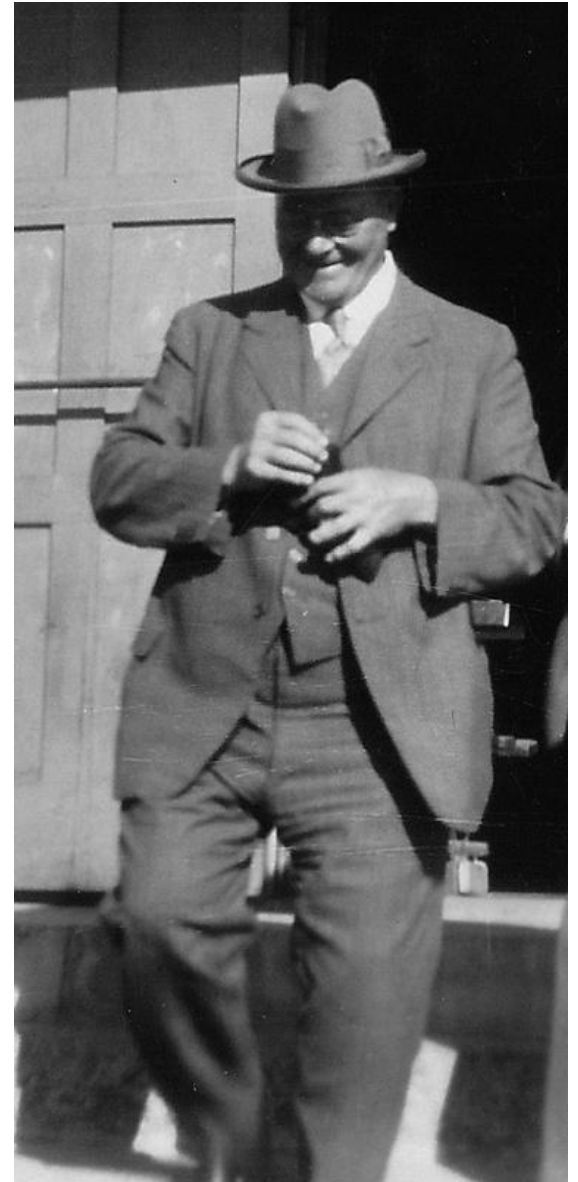
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Connells Point (now Mossy Point) sale



Mr Ennis of Dorman and Long

04-07-1925 - **Dr. Bradfield and Mr. Ennis** (general manager) paid a visit of inspection to Dorman, Long's granite quarry works last week end, and were very pleased with the progress that is being made in the erection of buildings and installation of machinery at Pompey Point. Carrying with them the heartiest good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity, **Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Cutler** left Moruya at noon on Tuesday. Travelling in their own car they hoped to reach Canberra the same evening. Prior to taking up his position as junior partner to Dr. Dight, the well-known Macquarie Street X-Ray specialist, Dr. Cutler intends to spend a short time with friends at Cootamundra.

**Mr. Albert Lynch** has purchased Mrs. J. Egan's cottage at Mullenderee where he will once again set up housekeeping, with Miss Mary Morris in charge. Mr. Lynch will carry on his business at Mr. Mylott's bakery until Mr. Weatherby has the proposed bake house on the Prince's Highway erected. A public meeting convened by Mr. G. W. Mitchell for the purpose of arranging a suitable way of **recognizing Mr. C. Carter's valuable services** to the district, took place in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. The large and representative gathering was eloquent testimony to the worth of Dwyer's Creek's popular teacher and our town's energetic general secretary. ... Mr. Carter will take over the charge of Bateman's Bay Public School on Monday next, but owing to the incompleteness of the repairs to the private dwelling, Mr. Carter and his family will not leave Moruya to take up residence there for fortnight.

**A cottage owned by Mr. Robb**, and occupied by Mr. F. Sparrow at Bateman's Bay, was burnt with its contents last week.

**The marriage of Mr. Alex Boyle**, Moruya and Nerrigundah, and Miss Myrtle Veitch took place at Mogo on Wednesday, the Rev. R. J. Cashin officiating. Mitchell's (Narooma) and Fenning's (Bateman's Bay) mill are supplying the timber for **Dormon, Long's cottages** now in course of erection at Pompey Point.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. If you are interested in history why not join us and become a volunteer at the Museum or our library. Check us out at <https://www.mdhs.org.au>

**Capt. Cuthbert**, of the Marine Underwriters, arrived on Thursday night to supervise the floating of the steamer Bermagui from her present position behind the training wall into the channel. An attempt was to have been made last evening, and if successful Captain Jackson will later on try to navigate our sadly neglected river.

**Mr. J. McKeon** returned from Sydney on Monday night, and is now engaged in bailing flood water out of his mine at Dwyer's Creek, in readiness for a visit of inspection from a mining expert.

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### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Riff  
Alex Clarke  
Jacob Poyner

Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
Steampacket Hotel  
Lynchs Hotel

### Saturday, 5 July

Tony Jagers  
Pearlerz  
Men and Monkeys  
Riff  
Mark Smith  
Full Steam Ahead  
Ava Khan  
Mac and Glenda

Lynchs Hotel  
Tura Beach Club (6.30pm)  
Merimbula RSL (8pm)  
Soldiers Club (8pm)  
Quantum Brewery  
Steampacket Hotel  
Tilba valley Winery  
Broulee Brewhouse

### Sunday, 6 July

Rick Bamford  
Riff  
Greg Byng  
Jules  
Inez  
Solo West

Tomakin Club (1pm)  
Club Tuross (3.30pm)  
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SATURDAY 19TH JULY

TICKETS ON SALE \$15 FROM THE 1ST  
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LIMITED TICKETS

THE MONARCH HOTEL

## COASTER COMPETITION

Did you know the Monny has a 24/7 art gallery?

It's called Fishbowl!

Do you want to be part of a Fishbowl group exhibition?

Do you want to win some cash or drinks on us??

### FEELING KEEN TO GET ARTY?

We'll roll into the Monny, grab a coaster, a pen and show us your mad skills. (please no dicks)

When you're done sign your name and number on the back and drop it in the box.

No limit on the amount of drawings per person, but you know... make it good.

### WINNERS?

1st prize = \$150 2nd prize = \$100

3rd prize = \$50 bar tab

4th prize = 1x ticket to the next gig at the Monarch

All drawings will be exhibited at Fishbowl with the winners announced on the opening night on

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

/fishbowl





## Panel Art Workshop

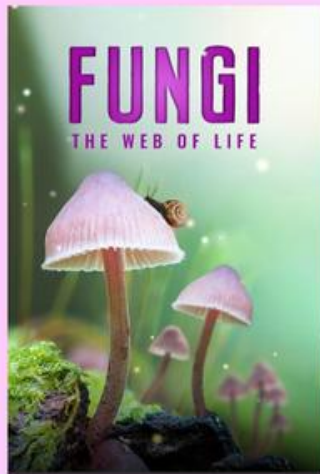
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22 JULY TO 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

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with Lesley Whale

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Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, August 7

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members.

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Do you have a story or memoir you want to write but don't know how to start? Paul Cullen will guide you through the process in this two-day workshop. Explore why we write as well as an examination of the art and craft involved in this important creative process.

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#### WEAVING WORKSHOP

with Ruby Berry

Come play with threads and learn to weave on a cardboard loom. Suitable for all ages. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm, October 1

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# Heidi Smith - Stunning South Coast selection at The Bas



Sue Blackburn and Indi Carmichael from The Bas with Heidi Smith.



Heide Book Signing\_ L-R\_Hilary Wardhaugh and\_Heide Smith.

By John Longhurst

Close to 100 people attended the opening of Heidi Smith - A South Coast Selection last Saturday at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre (Bas).

In attendance were Canberra Press Gallery photographer and 2025 National Photographic Portrait Prize finalist Hilary Wardhaugh, and Brian Rope OAM, long-time member of the Canberra Photographic Society and photography reviewer for the Canberra Critics Circle.

The exhibition was officially opened by Lt. General John Sanderson AC, a long-time friend and colleague of both Heide and Brian Smith.

Heide Smith is widely regarded as one of Australia's most significant photographers of the past five decades.

This exhibition highlights Heide's deep relationship with the south coast of New South Wales, where she now lives and works. Through her images, viewers are invited to experience the quiet beauty, character, and community of the region. A range of emotions are touched, from awe as a breaking wave is captured at its apex through to the soulful eyes of historian Manning Clarke.

The exhibition skirts through the decades and at other times freezes the viewer on a timeless wonder. It is truly an evocative and moving exhibition.

Brian Smith commented that this was the best presentation of Heide's work he had seen in any gallery - a remarkable compliment to the Bas and a testament to the consistent quality of exhibitions here in Moruya.

The exhibition was accompanied by the book launch of *Fotoheide* a retrospective look at Heide Smith's impressive body of work, which is available for purchase at the gallery - \$45.

**Heide Smith - A South Coast Selection**, is at the Bas, Corner of Murray and Vulcan Steets, Moruya, from 28 June - 26 July 2025.



Lorraine Sanderson and Lt General John Sanderson



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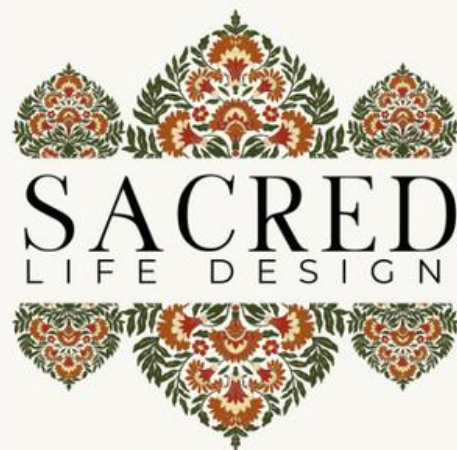
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ELIO PG, 1H 48M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE	4.50pm	11.15am 4pm	12.05pm	10.35am* 5.35pm*	10.35am* 5.35pm*	10.35am* 5.35pm*	10.35am* 5.35pm*
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SMURFS G, 1H 32M, ANIMATED MUSICAL			10am 5pm	10am 5.20pm	10am 5.20pm	10am 5.20pm	10am 5.20pm
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M3GAN 2.0 (LAST CHANCE) M, 1H 59M, HORROR/SCI-FI					7.35pm*		7.35pm*
THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME M, 1H 45M, COMEDY/THRILLER	2.30pm*	3.40pm*					
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON PG, 1H 56M, FANTASY/ACTION		5.40pm*		12pm	12pm	12pm	12pm
THE MATERIALISTS (LAST CHANCE) M, 1H 49M, ROMANCE				7.35pm*		7.35pm*	
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Like all AWL pets, Poppet and Conrad come desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. You can enquire about this gorgeous pair, or any of our available animals, by calling us on 0410 016 612.

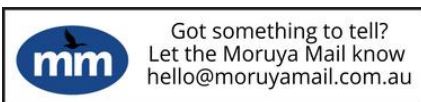
Don't forget our Christmas in July event, coming up on 12 July. Bring your pet to the Moruya Markets, and get a memorable photo with Santa. Your gold coin donation will help us keep on helping animals in Eurobodalla Shire.



Conrad



Poppet



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- 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**
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### The Red Door Cafe

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### Tuross Community Markets

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

### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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- Tuesday 12 August, 3-5pm Sage Farmers Market at Riverside Park

## Emergency Preparedness Tech Skills Training

Building a Digitally Ready Community: How Digital Mentor Training Supports Emergency Preparedness in Eurobodalla  
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### Batemans Bay:

Tuesday, 22 July 2025 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bay Pavilions Batemans Bay, Vesper Street Batemans Bay NSW 2536

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



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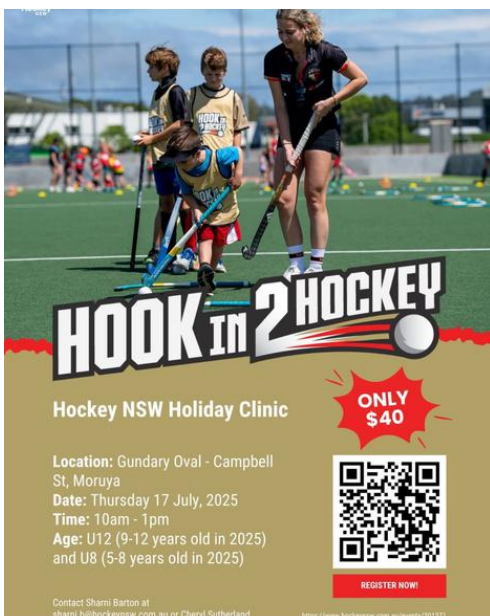


## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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







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**Next Teensafe course Thursday 10 July**  
 Next Teensafe course is being planned for the school holidays on Thursday 10 July at Moruya Speedway. Teensafe is a practical behind-the-wheel course for L and P licenced drivers to provide safe driver skills. This one day course costs \$80, cars and instructors provided. For more info and a rego form please contact Teensafe manager Gary Smith, email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)  
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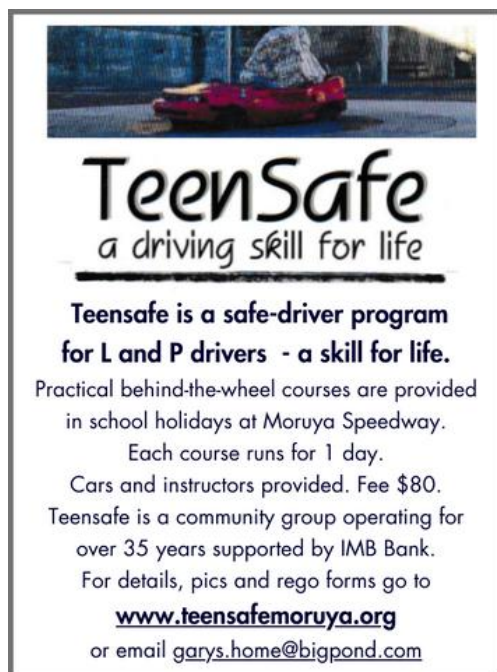


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## Moruya Women's Golf

"It was a freezing cold and windy day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June when the Moruya lady golfers took to the fairways to play a Stableford event. The previous nights windy conditions continued throughout the day but the ladies managed to get their game finalised. Cindy Becker was the winner of the day with 35 pts followed by Lyn Gibbs with 32 pts C/B. Balls went to Pauline Nash, Vicki Goodwin, Robyn Hawkins and Christine Quick. Nearest the Pin was won by Val Moore"



Cindy Becker

## Pubs Race Day 2025

Friday 11 July 2025 at 12:00

Moruya Jockey Club

## Mountain Biking

Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club reports: "BBMTB hosts AusCycling NSW XCO series round 3 racing this **Sunday 6 July** on Mogo Trails

The Botanic Garden zone, including Weekend At Bernies and Spitfire, will be impacted until late afternoon on Sunday.

The public can still access Devil Is The Temptor from Wild Wombat.

The event centre is at the Botanical Gardens Trail Head on Sunday. Some setting up will take place on Saturday but the trail head and all trails will remain open to the public until early Sunday morning. The Curtis Road Trail Head will remain open all weekend and will not be impacted.

We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause. We have set the course to create a showcase of Mogo Trails as well as limit the impact on the public.

The remainder of Mogo Trails are unaffected, with access via Mogo Trail Head, the Zoo Entrance on Tomakin Road and Ridge Road/Dog Trap Road."

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

It was with sadness that Bev Sheehan and son Ward were welcomed to Twist Tops to receive a donation for Motor Neurone Disease after the passing of Doug this week. The Presentation was made by Treasurer Tony Birmingham and Secretary Jennie Hogan to Bev and Ward. (Photo) Ward will be walking from Sydney Cricket Ground to Melbourne Cricket Ground to raise much needed funds for MND with Mum Bev as part of his support team. Winners with Highest Winning Margin +10, Gilligan and Stocky from Cobram in Victoria. (Photo) Runners-up +9, HotLips and Dobbo Winning teams, SuzyQ and Magoo. Ruthless and Irish. Whizza and Porky. Scottie and Steps. Lucky numbers, 10 Porky, 21 SuzyQ AGM on Sunday 6th July, 10.30am after a couple of hours bowling.



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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 20.6.25

Saturday 12th July, come help us celebrate our 21st Birthday Party! There will be hourly prizes to be won, Sausage Sizzle and up to 50% OFF RRP in store.

27.6.25

### Moruya River.

There hasn't been a lot of reports from the river this week. A combination of cold temps and not a lot of people fishing, or coming into the shop does make for quiet week days.

The lower sections of the river, on an incoming tide seem to be the best period to try the river. The spur wall seems to have the most activity at the moment, with bream, flathead and salmon the common captures at the moment.

With the clarity of the water at the moment, longer, lighter leaders are required to get the bite. You have to balance how light you go with the chance of getting a bigger salmon that could break you off. Start at around 10lb fluorocarbon, and go down to 6lb or lower if needed.

### Tuross River.

This time of year is a good time to target some big black bream in both Coila lake and the Tuross system. Hard body lures are one of my favourite options to chase them this time of year. But for those skilled enough, soft plastics are also a great option. 2.5" minnow or grub style patterns work really well, slowly worked this time of year, as do blade style lures.

Look for the drop offs or weed bed edges for the best chance at finding a blue nose black bream.

The deeper holes will also hold the odd mullet this time of year, but the colder water does make them a bit less active. Persistence is the key to finding fish and getting them to bite.

### Rock and beach.

Warmer ocean temps are providing more fish activity in and down the coast this week. Salmon are the main stay, with drummer also offering plenty of opportunity for a feed from the stones.

There have also been a few reports of snapper from the rocks for those anglers that are prepared to walk into the better spots this time of year. Squid baits do offer a better chance at finding a red from the stones.

### Offshore.

Local anglers chasing snapper this time of year are finding a few nice fish around, with fish being found in as little as 10m of water all the way out to 40m. Flathead are also available over sand areas.

The swell and winds look ok for the weekend, but are building early next week.

This weeks special in store is, 20% off all life jackets, so if your boating safety gear needs an upgrade, this week is the time to stop in.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with mullet fillet once again back in the freezer. Stock of it is limited however, so grab it while you can.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

## MOGO TRAILS OPENING

Mogo Trails Community Ride Day and Official Openings, is happening on **Saturday, 5 July** from 10am to 1pm at Mogo Oval.

The event marks the official openings of the Mogo Trails, Mogo Community Recreation Hub, and Mogo Pump Track projects.

Alongside formal proceedings and ribbon cutting, there will be: Ride demos, Face painting, A jumping castle, Food and coffee vans, A sausage sizzle, and, Live music

It is shaping up to be a fantastic event for mountain bike enthusiasts and families keen to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate the new facilities. We're encouraging kids to bring their bikes and helmets to try out the new pump track!

## Mogo Trails Community Ride Day

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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Ian Kingston with Winner Paul Scholze.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 26th June 2025

A smaller field of 29 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The day was cool but sunny and there were some great scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Scholze (16) with 38 points  
2nd: Steve Johnston (26) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Nic Boom 2.65 A Grade  
4th: Paul Scholze 2.00 B Grade  
4th: Gavan Wheelahan 2.38 C Grade  
6th: Nic Boom 0.38 A Grade  
7th: William Steenbergen 6.08 A Grade

Balls went to: Ian McManus 36, Shane Gschwend 36, Ruth Gschwend 36, Nic Boom 35, Colin Houghton 35, Mark Haberkorn 32, William Steenbergen 31, Ray Bollard 31, Brad Doolan 30 and Leonie Doolan 30.



Winner: Ruth Gschwend

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 28th June 2025

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. It was a beautiful Winters day and there were some wonderful scores achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ruth Gschwend (19) with 40 points  
2nd: Matthew Kennedy (16) with 39 points  
3rd: William Steenbergen (7) with 36 points (countback)  
4th: Ray Bollard (6) with 36 points  
5th: Mark Cutmore (13) with 34 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 1.75 A Grade  
4th: Peter McRae 7.89 B Grade  
6th: Mark Cutmore 1.43 A Grade  
6th: Greg Booth 4.75 B Grade  
6th: Anthony Mellick 1.14 C Grade  
7th: Simon French 6.40 A Grade  
7th: Steve Johnston 1.13 C Grade

Balls went to: Ian McManus 34, Ian Kingston 33, Steve O'Shea 32, Ian Lawson 32, Brad Doolan 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, Anthony Mellick 31, Peter Coffey 31, Jed French 31, Peter Garn 31, Martin Booth 31, Daniel Nickson 30, Steve Johnston 30, Stephen Swanbury 30 and Michael Walsh 30.

## Multi-million dollar injection for community sport

The Minns Labor Government has announced that community sporting organisations can apply for up to \$4.65 million following the opening of the Local Sport Grant Program.

The Program provides grants for facility upgrades, new equipment and programs that support and encourage participation in sport and active recreation in NSW. Grants of \$2,000 - \$20,000 are available, with up to \$50,000 available in each electorate.

Last year the Local Sport Grant Program injected \$4.4 million into community sport through funding for 579 projects.

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said "The Minns Labor Government is backing grassroots clubs to grow participation across all ages and abilities.

"The Local Sport Grant Program delivers where it matters – better gear, safer facilities, and more opportunities for people to get active and love their sport.

"If your club needs new equipment or has a great program idea but hasn't had the resources to make it happen – now's the time to apply."

Applications close 1pm, Monday, 18 August with further information, including program guidelines available at:

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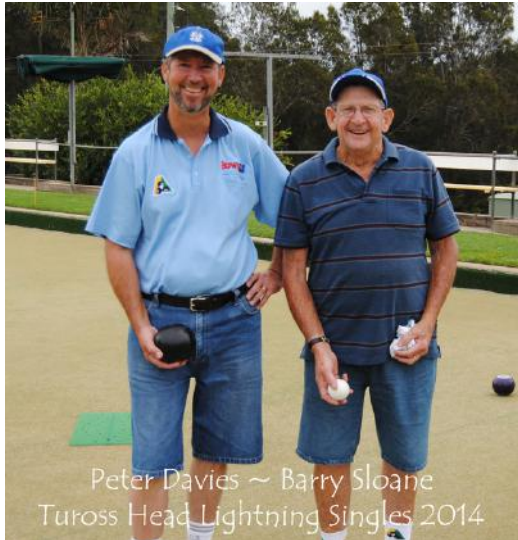


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# Driving Change



## Bruce Lidbury wins the Lightning Singles at Tuross



2014 Lightning Singles winner Barry Sloane with Runner up Peter Davies



2025 Barry Sloane Lightning Singles Runner Up - Lorraine Bird



2025 Barry Sloane Lightning Singles Winner - Bruce Lidbury

Bruce Lidbury has won the 2025 Barry Sloane Lightning Singles at the Tuross Head Bowling Club. This is a very popular variation of the singles format of bowls where players are competing for the Barry Sloane Trophy. The Trophy is in memory of Club stalwart, great singles player and the winner of the first Lightning Singles held in 2014 – Barry Sloane. The competition involves the entrants being drawn in groups of 3 who play games of two sets of five ends with a one end tie breaker if needed when the sets are shared. The player who has a bye in each round acts as the marker. Each group play a round robin. In each game the players earn 1 point for each set they win and a bonus point if they win the game. Three points are allocated for each game.

As there were 24 entries there were 8 groups playing in the round robin competing for 8 positions in the knock-out finals section. After the round robin section only one player had the maximum 6 points with Lorraine Johnston winning both of her games two sets to nil. Steph Dennett, Bruce Lidbury, Sean Monaghan and Jonathan Green won both sets in their sections but needed a tie breaker to win one of their sets. The final 3 positions went to Sue Fahey, Irene Macdonald, and Lorrie Bird who were among 5 players who scored 4 points. They advanced as they had the best 'for and against' records.

Before the knockout section each of the qualifiers randomly drew a number to determine who they would play. In the first round Irene Macdonald drew Sean Monaghan and despite her long break from bowls, due to an extended overseas trip, she showed her skills and experience to win two sets to nil. Lorrie Bird also proved too strong for the tenacious Steph Dennett and won two sets to nil. Lorraine Johnston and Sue Fahey had a very tight first set that ended in a 3 all draw meaning that the winner of the second set would move on to the semi-finals. Johnston played some wonderful bowls to win the second set 6 – 1 and a place in the semis. Bruce Lidbury had the better of the first set against Jonathan Green winning 6 – 1 but the never say die Green fought back to win the second set 4 – 3 forcing the game into a tie breaker. Lidbury prevailed 2 – 0 in this end to be the 'last man standing'!

In the semi-finals Macdonald played Bird. The first set was very close with Bird just getting home 4 – 3. Despite her best efforts, Macdonald's big day in her first competitive match in near on 3 months finally caught up with her. Bird qualified for the final with a 6 – 2 win.

In the second semi-final Lidbury was too consistent for Lorraine Johnston. After winning the first set 5 – 2 he dominated the second set to win 8 – 0.

The final between Bird and Lidbury was extremely tight. The five ends in the first set were all won by a single shot with Bird grabbing the advantage 3 – 2 and striking the first blow. The second set started the same way with Lidbury holding a 2 – 1 lead after 3 ends. Then things changed! Lidbury picked up a maximum 4 shots on the fourth end to take an unbeatable 6 – 1 lead forcing the final into a single end shot out!

Full of confidence after his second set win, Lidbury bowled 3 'resting touchers' on this end to force Bird to attempt some low percentage shots as a conservative second shot was not possible and not sufficient to win the match.

Lidbury took the title with a second 4 shot haul!! Congratulations to both finalists for their great efforts on the day. Both entered with some challenges. Bird had just returned from Newcastle where she had a needed medical procedure. Lidbury had also been unwell during the week and he was down on confidence after bowing out of the mixed pairs last week – ironically to Bird!

Also, congratulations to everyone who participated in the event, the other club members who came to support them and Bowls Organiser Marcel Kors (who is recovering from a knee replacement) for his great running of the day!

A special photograph is included with this report to celebrate Barry Sloane's win in the initial Lightning Singles with the runner up Peter Davies.

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