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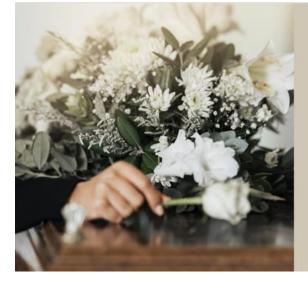
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Photo of the Week: This fiery sunset was captured from the Moruya Bridge by Michelle Ingram on Monday evening.

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North Head Drive - 24/7 road closure for up to 3 months

Council is working to make North Head Drive safer by stabilising the steep slope beside the road, east of Quarry Park. This project includes major earthworks, widening the road, upgrading stormwater infrastructure and building new kerb and guttering. "Last week, we started earthworks while keeping one lane open. Unfortunately, we have found a large amount of weathered rock. particularly at the top of the batter. This means there is an increased risk of large rocks falling onto the road. Because of this safety risk, we need to fully close this section of North Head Drive to all traffic, including cyclists and pedestrians, for the duration of these works.

Road closure details

Where: North Head Drive, east of Quarry Park for approximately 1.5km to property number 460

When: Monday, 28 July 2025, for approximately 3 months (during and after work hours)

Detour: Princes Highway, Broulee Road and George Bass Drive. Motorists should allow an additional

10-minutes travel time

Updates: You can stay up to date by checking roadside signs or online at: www.livetraffic.com.au

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Workshop to contribute to Southern NSW LHD Cancer Services Plan

Thursday 24 July at Moruya Golf Club at 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Moruya community – it's your turn! Southern NSW Local Health District is inviting the public to help shape the future of cancer services across Southern NSW through a series of workshops around the district.

Whether you've experienced cancer care, supported someone through it, or just want to see better services in your area – your voice matters.

All welcome - no need to register.

Can't make it? Have your say online:

gars.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/Survey?p=DE326540

Or email: SNSWLHD-Planning@health.nsw.gov.au

Local radiotherapy campaigned Mylène and Fitzroy Boulting suggest a list of topics that should be included, (from a brief informal brainstorming of a few cancer patients).

Early diagnostic of cancer, which would include

- Easier access to diagnostic, more frequent, more localised
- Renewed GP training on recognising symptoms, and training/campaigns to help patients recognise them and challenge their GP
- GP protocols for follow-up both hesitant patients and/or inconclusive test results

<u>Better integration of care between services, through development of streamlined IT system to share patients file and communicate – patient to be included as the core of these systems</u>

<u>Bring specialists to the patients</u>, e.g. organise consults and follow-ups at the ERH

Ensure local radiotherapy services are operating fully in 2027

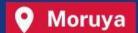
Look at ED protocols to ensure cancer patients go straight through

Focus on smooth functioning of chemo pharmacy, eliminating drugs stock-outs

Creation of wellness centre for the new Eurobodalla hospital, including exercise physio, social workers, psychologists etc

Southern NSW Local Health District

Help us shape our cancer services plan for Southern NSW





Ways to have your say:

- Join our planning team at a community drop-in session on Thursday, 24 July 2025, 5pm-6:30pm at Moruya Golf Club
- Complete our survey at:
 https://qars.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/Survey?p=DE326540
- 3 Email our Service Planning Team at SNSWLHD-Planning@health.nsw.gov.au

Look out for entangled Dolphin along south coast



ORRCA (Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia) is on the look out for an entanged dolphin on the south coast. ORRCA have been tracking the doplhin since 18th June and it has been sighted from Guerilla Bay up to South Durras including Surf Beach, Malua Bay and Mill Beach. The dolphin has rope wrapped around its tail fluke, trailing about 2m. If you see the dolphin please call the hotline Call the ORCC hotline on 02 9415 3333

Government introduces legislation to cut student debt by 20 per cent

The Federal Government is today introducing legislation to cut 20 per cent off all student debts. This will wipe more than \$16 billion in debt for more than three million Australians.

Our number one focus is continuing to deliver cost of living relief for the Australian people.

Cutting student debt by 20 per cent will ease pressure on workers and students across the country.

For someone with the average debt of \$27,600 this will see around \$5,520 wiped from their outstanding Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) loans. Backdated to 1 June, it will reduce the burden for Australians with a student debt - including all HELP, Vocational Education and Training (VET) Student Loans, Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans, Student Startup Loans, and other student loans.

In addition to cutting student debt by 20 per cent, the legislation raises the minimum amount before people have to start making repayments from \$54,435 to \$67,000 and reduces minimum repayments.

For someone earning \$70,000 it will reduce the minimum repayments they have to make by \$1,300 a year.

This builds on our reforms to fix the indexation formula, which has already cut more than \$3 billion in student debt.

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- 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:

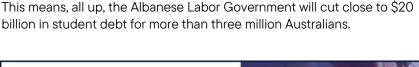
Tues, 22 July - 10-12pm, Bay Pavilions Moruya:

Thurs, 24 July - 10-12pm, Moruya Golf Club Morning tea provided.



Book your place now. Trish Pye 0414 442 707 admin@thetecexec.com.au









Free tech café drop-in sessions

10am – 12pm every Wednesday from 23 July to 24 September at the Bay Pavilions, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay.

9.30am – 11.30am every Thursday from 24 July to 25 September at the CWA Hall, Queen Street, Moruya

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- attaching documents to an email

Drop-ins welcome at Batemans Bay. Bookings required for Moruya sessions.

For more information or to book contact Community Development Officer Michael Lawrence-Taylor on 4474 1276 or email michael.lawrence-taylor@esc.nsw.gov.au







Green light for Grey Nomad camp at Showground

Bv Phil Herrick

A new camping area aimed a grey nomads in caravans and RVs will be developed at Moruya Showground.

After lengthy debate at this week's council meeting the decision was taken with a 7-2 vote.

The plan is to establish two areas at the showground with 18 camp sites in total and stays limited to seven nights. It will cost \$30 a night for a couple or \$35 for a family.

Show Society secretary Lindsay Boynton told councillors the plan would allow improvements to the showground and have Moruya join a trail of camping showgrounds that was increasingly popular with grey nomads.

There was some pushback on the proposal with a submission from Easts Caravan Parks CEO Corinne East outlining the negative impact that would be felt by local caravan park operators.

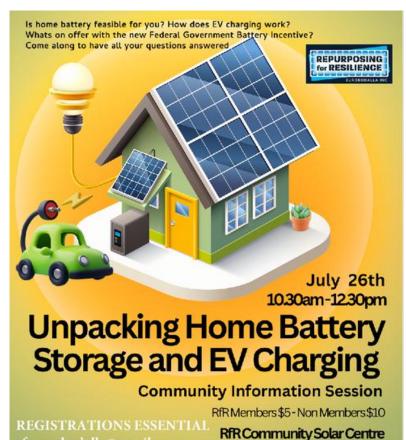
Cr Rob Pollock argued that grey nomads seeking low cost camping did not spend much in the towns they visit, so any economic benefit to the wider community would be very limited.

Council will need to spend around \$100,000 to bring facilities at the showground up to standard for a primitive camping area. No business case was presented at the council meeting outlining the longer-term impact on council finances.

The next step is to prepare and lodge a development application for the new camping area.



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Small-scale farmers call out AMIC's denial of abattoir access

"The Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) has once again demonstrated its alignment with corporate interests over community needs by claiming there is no issue with access to abattoirs in Australia." As the national representative for small-scale farmers, butchers, and local food advocates, the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) is compelled to correct the record. This claim is not only disingenuous—it is dangerous. A recent report by AFSA found that 80% of farmers surveyed have lost access to abattoirs. "Across the country, farmers are being forced to truck animals hundreds of kilometres due to the closure or consolidation of regional abattoirs, with associated negative impacts on animal welfare. Many have lost access to private kill services altogether, and are instead funnelled into vertically integrated supply chains where processors dictate price, timing, and market access. This is not a functioning local food system. It is a captured one. Let's be clear: the lack of access to appropriately scaled and locally controlled slaughter facilities is currently one of the greatest threats to resilient regional food economies in Australia. "The Victorian Government has been particularly supportive of the urgent need for legislative reform to solve the issue of access to abattoirs, and are open to a range of measures to make it easier for smallholders to build their own on-farm or mobile abattoirs to deal with the challenge of consolidation, says AFSA Focal Point for Farmers, Tammi Jonas. "Indeed, governments should take heed and learn from the recent past – the dairy industry has lost 67% of dairy farmers since 2000 as a result of de-regulation and extreme consolidation of the processing sector. The meat industry is going down the same path, and we face a future where there may be the same volume of meat produced but by very few remaining farmers. AMIC's sweeping denial of these systemic failures highlights the very problem: a refusal to acknowledge the lived experience of those outside the industrial model. 'For those of us committed to nourishing our communities while caring for land, animals, and each other, the current system is not serving us—it is actively excluding us,' says Jonas. Crucially, it's not just farmers who are impacted by the corporate consolidation of abattoirs, but also butchers who lose access to high quality, local meat. "We call on governments at every level to listen not just to industry lobby groups, but to the farmers, First Peoples, eaters, and butchers building a just food future. The answer isn't bigger and fewer abattoirs. It's a distributed network of small-scale, community-controlled facilities that prioritise food sovereignty over profit."



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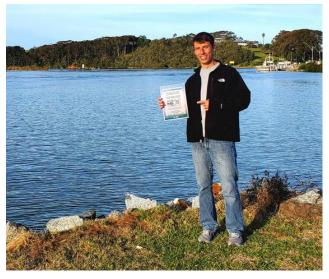
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What does Wagonga Inlet mean to you?



Jim DelBene, a PhD student from the Australian National University, wants to hear from you. His study aims to understand what visitors and residents of Narooma like most about Wagonga Inlet, and why. This study develops a baseline of information – capturing things that cannot easily be measured by dollar signs – that community groups, businesses, and decision-makers can use to better inform future decision-making processes.

You can find Jim at the **Narooma Rotary Markets on Sunday**, 27 July, at NATA Oval from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Stop by to say hi and share your story! Take the online survey and enter a prize draw for one of three \$100 grocery gift cards: https://bit.ly/ANUvalue.



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Council picks head hunter to find new GM

By Phil Herrick

Four months after the resignation of Warwick Winn as general manager at Eurobodalla Shire Council a headhunter has been selected to find a replacement.

Council accepted Mr Winn's resignation from his job that paid around \$400,000 a year in mid March. No detailed explanation for the resignation has ever been given to the community by the mayor. Mr Winn had been in Moruya for 30 months after leaving a \$455,000 job at Penrith Council.

Mark Ferguson has been employed as interim general manager. He has a long career in local government and now works as a consultant taking on short term roles.

Four specialist local government recruiters applied to take on the head hunting job. They are Stephen Blackadder Consulting, LGNSW Management Solutions, McArthur Recruitment and Local Government Appointments NSW. In a confidential session at this week's council meeting one of them was chosen and Mayor Mat Hatcher will take on the task of working with them. As things progress another report will be presented to Council outlining the recruitment process and endorsement of the selection panel.

Councillor back in action

Eurobodalla Councillor Mick Johnson was back at the table for the Monthly Meeting yesterday after a long absence.

Cr Johnson was in a serious motorcycle accident in May in which he broke many bones. The Councillor spent some time in Canberra Hospital before returning to the coast to recover. Welcome back!



Araluen Road final update

ESC reports: "The specialist contractors have finished up and are packing away their gear this week. With the roadside slopes now stabilised, we're almost at the finish line - just a few final touches to go. Over the next couple of months, we'll be working at various locations along the road, but disruptions will be minimal. We'll be installing guardrails, improving the road surface, moving stockpiles, and completing minor repairs. After that, we'll return to normal maintenance.

This marks a major milestone – the completion of recovery work following several natural disasters. It's been a huge effort, and one that's taken time, coordination, and plenty of patience from the community.

Fortunately, most of the cost didn't fall on ratepayers, with funding provided by the Australian and NSW governments.

That's a wrap from us! Thanks for hanging in there – we know it's been a long road (literally).

Here's to safer and more reliable travels ahead!"

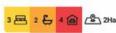




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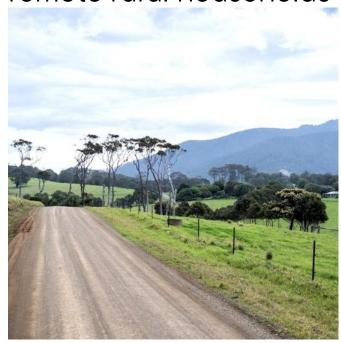
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Waste vouchers for remote rural households



Eligible rural residents have been posted their annual waste vouchers for 2025-26, providing three free drop-offs at the Brou or Surf Beach tips. Eurobodalla Council introduced the vouchers in response to feedback from residents with no access to the shire's weekly kerbside collection and lacking options for household rubbish disposal. Council's manager of waste services Nathan Ladmore says it's early days for the scheme but residents say they are pleased with the initiative.

"The goal is simple, give remote households fairer access to disposal while reducing environmental impact and illegal dumping. Each voucher is valid for a trailer load of general waste or one inner-spring mattress or base," Mr Ladmore says.

"A medium load is a level six by four trailer or a ute tray of waste that doesn't belong in recycling. Think broken furniture, worn-out goods and general junk from around the home. Recyclables, green waste, soil, tyres, and construction material are not allowed. "As always, we encourage people to reuse or donate items that are in good condition. Combined with other initiatives like soft-plastics recycling and free mulch pickup, this voucher program is part of Council's broader ambition to reduce landfill and boost resource recovery."

For more information visit Council's <u>remote</u> <u>residents waste vouchers webpage</u> or contact the waste services team on 4474 1024.

NHVR releases new Log Haulage Code of Practice to improve safety for forestry industry

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has released a new Code of Practice focused on assisting industry to improve safety outcomes in the transportation of logs.

The new Log Haulage Industry Code of Practice (LHC) provides guidance for businesses involved at each level of the forest log haulage task.

Acting Chief Safety and Productivity Officer Kelli Walker said after several years of development, the LHC offered a practical guide for anyone conducting business in the forestry sector.

"We're extremely pleased to release the LHC after working closely with the Australian Forest Contractors Association (AFCA) and the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA)," Ms Walker said.

"These associations, along with industry representatives, stakeholders and vehicle and equipment manufacturers, helped to recognise key issues in log haulage, such as the risk of vehicle rollover, and load loss. "This new Code strikes a balance between detailed recommendations and practical information, to help an industry which operates in many different environments, with different kinds of products."

The LHC provides information and guidance for any operator whose business:

- · Owns a forestry area where logs are harvested,
- · Harvests or stockpiles logs for transport,
- · Loads, operates or contracts heavy vehicles to transport logs, or
- · Manages a facility such as a mill where logs are delivered.

Ms Walker said with heavy vehicles forming an essential part of the forestry industry, the NHVR and its partners were committed to helping improve safety outcomes.

"Achieving both productivity and safety in the log haulage industry means every person and business is required to play their role in mitigating and addressing risks," she said.

"It's fantastic to know the LHC will assist industry to do so and help ensure all workers get home safely at the end of the day.

"Thanks to everyone who contributed to the LHC's development or assisted in providing feedback to help us reach this important milestone."

The NVHR will work further with industry associations and participants to roll out information and awareness of the Code, in a project funded by a Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative grant.

Read the Log Haulage Industry Code of Practice.



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DV Safe phone collection point now at Council

For domestic and family violence victims, a safe phone is a powerful tool, amplifying their voices and empowering them to feel safe and stay connected.

DV Safe Phones is a program committed to ensuring that every voice from every background is heard and supported. Because every call for help should be heard.

Chairperson of Council's Women in Local Government Alliance Kim Bush invites the community and businesses to join in and recycle old phones to support those in need to access a safe phone to stay connected without fear of being monitored or tracked.

"We found out about this program and wanted to help people in our shire to be able to access this support. We also noted there were no areas on the south coast as collection points so we registered to be one" she said.

"This also means that our local services supporting those being impacted can apply for and distribute phones to those who need

Council will also be recycling their mobile phones through this program which means they will not only now serve a great purpose and importantly no longer go into land fill.

Anyone with a phone they no longer need can drop it off at Council offices in Moruya in the collection box. Council will send them off to DV Safe phones where they will be 'sanitised' and made good for those being impacted by domestic violence. You can make a difference by joining Council and supporting DV Safe phones. By collecting and donating phones, you'll ensure lives can continue to be changed.

Join the mission to break the cycle of violence and create a future where everyone is safe and valued.



Council's Women in Local Government Alliance and IT department show the DV Safe box in action.



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How the scam works

Scammers tell you out of the blue that you are entitled to money, precious gems, gold or valuable shares but you need to make upfront payments to get them. You will never receive what was promised and there will always be an excuse for why you have to pay more. If you pay the fees, you will lose your money. Rebate or reclaim scams involve a scammer telling you that you are owed money for reasons such as overpaid taxes, bank fees or some sort of compensation. However, before you can get your money you are asked to pay a small administration fee. With inheritance scams, scammers pose as lawyers, bankers or foreign officials and tell you that you are entitled to a large inheritance or offer you a share in a scheme because you have the same name as someone who died. They often use official-looking documents and ask you to make payments for fees and taxes before you can receive the inheritance. They can also ask for your personal details to fill out 'official paperwork'. This means that you might have your identity stolen as well as your money. Unexpected money scams involve scammers telling you they need your help to secure a large fortune which they are desperately trying to transfer out of their country. They may claim the fortune is a hidden stash of money, gold or assets abandoned by a corrupt government or official and if you agree to receive it they will give you a large share when it is safe to do so. Like all of these scams, they will say you first need to pay taxes, bank charges or fees for anti-terrorism and money laundering checks before they can send

These scams commonly come from overseas and ask for payment via wire transfer but may also ask for bank transfers or other payment methods.

If you fall for these scams, you will never receive anything from the scammer and lose any money you sent.

Protect yourself

- Remember there are no get-rich-quick schemes: if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Avoid any arrangement with a stranger that asks for up-front payment via money order, wire transfer, international funds transfer, pre-loaded card or electronic currency. It is rare to recover money sent this way.
- If an unsolicited email looks suspicious, just delete it. Don't click on any links.
- Government departments, banks or utilities will never contact you asking you to pay money upfront in order to claim a fee or rebate.
- If you are unsure, check the identity of the contact independently.



Horizon Bank. Amanda Welsh, Fraud Manager.

Do not use the contact details provided in the message sent to you – get correct contact details through an independent source such as a phone book or online search.

 Conduct a search online using the exact wording of the offer – many scams can be identified this way.

Where to find help or support

 If you've lost money to a scam or given out your personal details to a scammer, contact your bank and https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/ immediately.

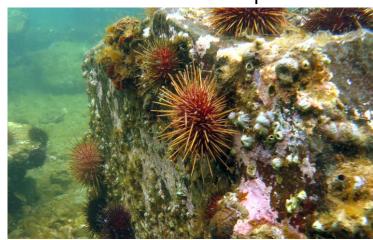


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Sea Urchin harvest positive impact on marine environment



By John Longhurst

With a goal to restore local kelp forests, seaweed forests and fish habitats through a commercially viable sea urchin fishery, Sea Urchin Harvest Pty Ltd, based in Shelly Road, MORUYA, has been successfully in operation since 2009.

The family owned business is now the largest company in Australia specialising in diving, processing and selling sea urchin roe Australia wide and also exporting to Hong Kong, Singapore, USA, New Zealand, Taiwan, London, Germany and Korea.

The best months to dive for sea urchin on the South Coast of NSW are from December through to June and at the peak of the season the company employs up to 10 divers and 40 workers at their processing plant in Moruya.

Long term local, Chris Theodore is Director of Sea Urchin Harvest Pty Ltd and principal diver with over 35 years of experience.

He is widely regarded as one of the best sea urchin divers in Australia, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the best dive spots from Ulladulla to Mallacoota.

On any given day, he spends at least five hours under water and averages around 200kg an hour of live Sea Urchins.

According to Chris "Where we dive, there is a very large population to source from. The ocean floor is full of very luscious kelp for the Sea Urchins to feed off and combined with the pristine clear waters of the South Coast, this area breeds the best Sea Urchins in Australia on a consistent basis."

Sea Urchin Harvest Pty Ltd focus on an environmentally sustainable operation has earned it an 'Excellence in Environmental Practice Award' twice from the Sydney Fish Market Seafood Excellence Awards.

Chris said "The longspined Sea Urchin, Centrostephanus rodgersii (Centro), is native to New South Wales and plays a key ecological role in determining the distribution and abundance of benthic macro algae, particularly kelps.





Photos: Sea Urchin Harvest

But with a rapidly warming coastal ocean environment, the habitat-modifying Sea Urchin Centrostephanus rodgersii (centro or long spine Sea Urchin) has experienced a population explosion and ever increasing range, causing widespread destructive grazing of productive kelp beds/seaweed forests and causing a phase-shift to extensive sea urchin barren habitat. This is devastating for our reefs and fish habitat."

The Centrostephanus rodgersii urchin is located in very large numbers up and down the south east coast of Australia. Chris said "It's very destructive feeding behaviour is characterised by dense feeding aggregations (or fronts) of large individuals migrating across the substratum at speeds of 1 to 4m per month, consuming all erect algae and creating barrens where Sea Urchins are able to live for decades with very little food supply.

The importance of the kelp forest for reproduction and survival of commercially valuable species of fish and crustaceans (abalone and lobster) is the reason why Centrostephanus rodgersii Sea Urchins are often considered a threat up and down the south east coast of Australia."

The commercially viable sea urchin fishery has proven thru zero impact harvesting, to improve reef health and fish habitats. It is a win win... a win for the environment and a win for employment.

Chris said "When the Sea Urchins are removed from the barrens, by hand by our commercial divers, seaweeds rapidly colonise the substratum; proving the invaluable importance of a commercially viable Sea Urchin fishery by improving the fish habitat."

Sea Urchin Harvest Pty Ltd claims the marine sanctuaries such as in the Batemans Marine Park would benefit greatly if opened to commercial long spine sea urchin harvesting. Sanctuary zones currently prohibit commercial harvest.

Chris said "Any person that goes for a snorkel in these sanctuary zones will notice the destruction of the long spine sea urchin. Eating the reef away and leaving vast barrens with little fish life. Allowing the commercial harvest of the Centrostephanus rodgersii urchin would facilitate the recovery of these sanctuary zones and significantly improve the fish habitat. The Sanctuary zones aim is to protect all marine plants and animals within their boundaries, ensuring the entire food web is preserved. But this can be only achieved by allowing commercial harvest of the Centrostephanus rodgersii urchin within the Sanctuary Zones."

Sea Urchin Harvest Pty Ltd continues to push for Sanctuary zones to be opened to the commercial harvest of the Centrostephanus rodgersii urchin.

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Let's do coffee with ... Jan Frikken

With a list of recognition awards including Shoalhaven International Women Day Award Recipient 2012, NSW Government Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2018, Shoalhaven Australia Day Award Finalist 2018, Eurobodalla Local Hero Award Finalist 2019, Eurobodalla Local Hero Award Recipient 2024 and NSW Women of the Year Finalist 2025, local resident, Jan Frikken (JF)has a long history of helping the disadvantaged in our community. The Moruya Mail (MM) caught up with Jan last weekend.

MM: Thanks for joining us, Jan. The awards get more prestigious with each passing year but let's chat about your family upbringing in Thailand.

JF: It's a pleasure. I am the youngest of 5 children. My family foundation is the essence of who I am. It is in my DNA. My father was a school principal and a community development worker. He coordinated within his community to help building the school where he taught. He died when I was 1 years and 4 months old so, unfortunately, I did not get to know him.

My mother had a good education but with her focus on raising children she could not be a teacher in those days.

After my father died, she was paid his lump-sum pension payment and used that capital to set up a pig farm with her widowed younger sister. That gave her a comfortable life and income to send all her children to university.

She was a widow for the rest of her life.

From a very young age I have vivid memories of less fortunate relatives living with us for extended periods. She would not only provide food, shelter and love but would help send them to school for a better education.

It is a practice I continue to this day. I always have someone living with me at my own house; some pay rent, some do not. My house has been a stepping stone for many people and some have managed to save up a housing deposit from the savings from living with me.

MM: Let's go back a little. I understand it was your time in Singapore in the mid 1990's that cemented you on the path you follow today.

JF: Yes, my time in Singapore changed my life. I was managing a translation department for a major company and through various contacts also began working voluntarily with vulnerable Thai people who could not navigate the system due to poor English literacy skills. Consequently, they were often exploited. I would offer my translation and interpreting services for free.

I then moved to Malaysia and with more flexible remote working conditions and through contacts with the Thai Embassy, I extended my voluntary work and even worked with the Malaysian Government agencies in assisting these citizens.

MM: I need a sip of coffee, Jan. I am already exhausted. Now... it is a jump from Malaysia to Australia and you take up a position as an Outreach Coordinator with Illawarra Multicultural Services in Nowra. In 2016, you finally join us in the Eurobodalla Shire and your business acumen leads you to setting up the successful JJJ Oriental Supermarket, in Orient Street, Batemans Bay. After such a journey, you could be well justified in resting on your laurels and focus on the business, but you do the opposite.



Jan Frikken Photo Supplied.

JF: Opening the award winning supermarket allowed me to not only provide a much needed centre for the migrant community, it also funded some of my community work as well as provide an income.

The supermarket allows me to use my 25 years of experience working with people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Since 2016, I have been providing information, referrals, advocacy, casework and case management support on a voluntary capacity from my business premises.

I am also a Member of the Regional Community Networks (RCNs) for Illawarra and Southeast NSW. Members are appointed by the Multicultural Minister NSW to provide advice and guidance to Multicultural NSW and help foster connections with communities within their regions.

MM: With your central aim of 'unity in diversity, strength in diversity and a strong community', it does not stop there.

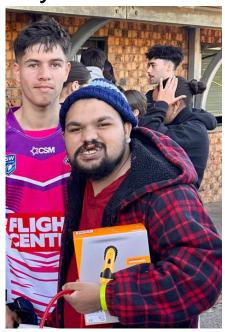
JF: That is correct. We have a very active Eurobodalla Multicultural Group and we are working towards establishing the Batemans Bay Community Hub because we see there is a need for the much broader community, the South Coast Community Support Group, English classes for people who are not eligible for government funding, the Batemans Bay Dinner Group, the Batemans Bay Coffee Morning Group, Eurobodalla International Women's Day and Harmony Day Committee, Potluck Dinner Group, free immigration advice and case management and referrals as necessary.

And of course 'Caring Corner' is a designated space within the supermarket for people to donate and help the less well off in our community.

MM: It has been an absolute pleasure, Jan.

'LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ...' is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire. Feel free to nominate a personality by emailing John Longhurst at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

Jay Stewart's "Big Shave Day"





Jay Stewart's "Big Shave Day" took over Mackay Park in Batemans Bay between games on July 19, 2025, as part of his passionate mission—Jay's Shave to End Homelessness in Eurobodalla.

With clippers buzzing and spirits soaring, Jay's whiskers were snipped away to raise funds and awareness for The Family Place, a vital specialist homelessness service in the Eurobodalla region.

Friends, family, and curious locals watched the event, drawn by the excitement and camaraderie.

By the end of the evening, Jay had raised an impressive \$206 plus online donations exceeding \$200, all destined to bolster The Family Place's programs supporting those experiencing homelessness in our community.

The Family Place—active for over 30 years—offers critical services from crisis accommodation to private rental subsidies and advocacy support. Jay's bold gesture helped shine a spotlight on their work, with every donated dollar channeled directly into assisting vulnerable families regain stability.

What started as a personal challenge became a local celebration of generosity. With each bare chin exposed, Jay reminded us that community spirit can cut through the harshest realities. Here's hoping his clip-off inspires others to get involved!

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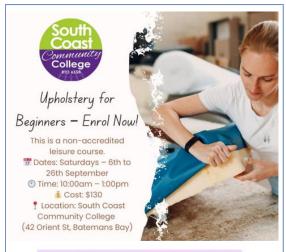




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A Beer with Bazz #201 With John

Mick strode with purpose to the bar table, a schooner in one hand and waving a card in the other.

"Okay listen up...I want to read this postcard to you before Bazza turns up and starts spruiking political correctness."

Young Simon rubbed his chin.

"What's a postcard, Mick?"

Mick shook his head.

"I've told you before, Simon. It is when people you know post a picture card to you with writing on the back when they are on holidays to make you jealous. They do not even put it in an envelope."

Simon turned the postcard over and passed comment on the odd font.

Mick gritted his teeth.

"It's called handwriting, Simon... and you use a biro."

Simon bit his bottom lip.

"What's a b..."

Mick's scowl cut him off.

"Anyhow, let's get back on task. My cousin was doing some renovations at Parliament House over the weekend to get it ready for the first sitting day. One of the jobs was to remove the pigeon holes for the MP's as they are hardly ever used these days for mail."

Simon's eyes widened.

"So pigeons really did deliver the mail in the olden days, Mick? How did they know which letter went in the correct pigeon hole?"

Mick sucked in a deep breath.

"Later, young Simon... now this postcard ends up in my cousin's tool bag. It's addressed to Jim Chalmers and is from Albo. I reckon there is no harm in reading it out, as even the postie reads them."

Mick took a decent sip and cleared his throat.

Hey there Jimbo,

I thought I would drop you a line as I've got a bit of spare time with this 6 day trip to China. Xi Jinping and I have become great mates very quickly. He likes to be called 'Big Daddy' or 'Uncle Xi'.

We have done most of the touristy stuff. We visited the pandas. Thankfully, they are too big to cuddle. I told him they would hand him a koala to smooch when he visits Oz, but I could not promise it would not piss on him.

Well the trip to the Great Wall of China was an eye opener and fantastic to follow in the footsteps of comrade Gough. I said we would reciprocate with a walk along the Rabbit Proof Fence when he visits, but he did not seem impressed.

We knocked over a couple of tough issues including his guys doing a lap of Australia and firing off some live ammunition. I gave 'Big Daddy' a jab in the ribs and said it would be good if you gave us the 'heads up' next time. His English is not great and my Mandarin is non existent, so we had a laugh, and let that one go through to the keeper.

The highlight of the trip was the tucker, Jimbo. We both hate hamburgers and fast food. He reckons it colours your hair orange so we ripped into the local fare like there was no tomorrow.

'Big Daddy' is big on the fang. At the banquets the Lazy Susan...

Bella, the publican, interrupted.

"How did he spell 'Susan'?"

Mick ignored the comment.

At the banquets the Lazy Susan was flat out keeping up... Kung Pao Chicken, Peking Duck, Dumplings, Hotpots and a Sweet and Sour Pork to die for. The only dish missing was Lemon Chicken but I promised him I would forward the recipe from the Marrickville Chinese Restaurant.

Now...Jimbo, tell the Labor Caucus not to pack lunch for the return to parliament on Tuesday. I've got doggie bags aplenty to share amongst the troops. Come to think of it, there is probably enough to share with the much reduced opposition.

And just remind them, Jimbo... 'NO HUBRIS!"

All the best,

Albo

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100 years ago from the Moruya Examiner



25-07-1925

Fuller Bros. and Russ Collie, have opened a sawmill at Olsen's Creek, on the Prince's Highway between Tilba and Narooma.

In a letter highly complimenting Mr. K. Fowler on his formation of a troop of Boy Scouts in Moruya, Mr. John D. Ward generously enclosed a cheque for 30/- towards entertaining our boys who left on Tuesday to see the Fleet. Mr. Wards thoughtful action was greatly appreciated by Scoutmaster Fowler. With his customary generous spirit and delight in seeing children enjoy themselves, Mr. R. N. Bull drove them in his own car gaily displaying the troop's colors, navy blue and gold and scarlet and light blue. He was accompanied by Scout Master Fowler, Patrol Leader Alan Keating, Boy Scouts Bob Bull, F. Donnelly, Ray Rose, Harry Siddall and F. Tranter.

By courtesy of the owners, Dorman Long's new vessel, the Sir Dudley de Chair, one of the steamers which will ply to Moruya for granite, was temporarily lent to Farmer's Ltd., who decorated her and installed a wireless apparatus at the berth at Miller's Point. [Sydney] With about 100 guests and a big brass band aboard, the Sir Dudley de Chair greeted the American Fleet outside the Heads, and sent news by wireless to people ashore. At night a dance took place on board the vessel.

The death of Mr. John Burke, father of our respected townsman, Mr. J. Burke, occurred at Bateman's Bay on the 17th inst. The late Mr. Burke came to this country with his wife and child 60 years ago. For a number of years he lived at Braidwood, where his father had settled before him. In 1879 he came to Mogo as maintenance man on the main road. After 16 years spent in this capacity he was transferred to the hardest section of the Araluen road - that which adjoined Mudmelong. Having had the misfortune to lose his home by fire he was befriended by the Greigs, for whom he cherished a most grateful regard. Shortly after this he retired from the service in 1905, having earned the commendation of his superiors, and took up his residence again in Mogo. The large gathering at his funeral on Sunday testified to the widespread respect for his worth. He had reached the great age of 89, and is survived by a brother in Sydney and by seven of his family - Mesdames V. Ison (Bateman's Bay), W. Cooper (Bega), M. Hoy and R. Hoy (Sydney); Messrs. W. Burke (Mogo), Paul (Sydney), and John (Moruya). Mr. H. J. Bate has installed a wireless set at his home, Tilba

Mr. Claude Donnelly and family have moved into Mr. W. Smith's two-storey house lately occupied by Mr. W. Ryan, in Campbell

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Narooma Arts Centre receives solar grant

Narooma School of Arts (NSoA) has received a Far South Coast Community Solar and Battery Grant for the installation of a 15.84kW solar and 28kWh battery system for the Narooma Arts Centre (NAC), now under construction.

The grant is funded through the Australian Government's Community Solar Banks Program in NSW and administered by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

NSoA President Jenni Bourke said this will make such a difference to the NAC's running costs. "It will reduce energy costs which in turn will keep user costs down; that will help with the NAC's ongoing viability and accessibility for our community," she said. "Minimising the long term environmental impact of this building has also always been a major consideration for this project."

NSoA partnered with the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) for the project's design and implementation.

SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell said the solar and battery system will significantly reduce emissions, reducing the NSoA's carbon footprint.



Narooma Arts Centre, now under construction, will include a solar panel and battery system, thanks to a Far South Coast Community Solar and Battery Grant. Image courtesy TAKT Studios for Architecture.

"It will also support local employment by using a local company to install and maintain it and it will enhance the Narooma community's energy resilience through energy security," she said.

Both NSoA and SHASA are local not-for-profit community organisations and registered charities.

Other local recipients include Narooma Men's Shed, Narooma Preschool Kindergarten, Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services, and Merriman's Local Aboriginal Land Council.



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Narooma Men's Shed solar system is being expanded to meet the facilities energy requirements and enhance its operational capability as a Bushfire and Heatwave Haven.

Late last year the **Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance** (SHASA), worked hard with owners of community facilities to apply for funding for solar and batteries that was made available by Kristy McBain for the Bega Valley and the southern end of the Eurobodalla.

SHASA was very excited when it was confirmed that the following grant applications were successful

- 1. Narooma Community (Men's) Shed
- 2. Narooma PreSchool Kindergarten
- 3. Narooma Arts and Community Centre
- 4. Merriman's Local Aboriginal Land Council

The installation of solar and battery storage will help these organisations to:

- a) significantly reduce their electricity bills
- b) keep the lights on when the power goes out
- c) reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

SHASA is currently developing a Community Facilities Resilience Strategy.

If you have a facility and would like assistance from SHASA to secure grant funding for solar, batteries, insulation, kitchen upgrades, energy efficient appliances please contact Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President on 0467 558 645



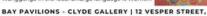
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Koori Wangganga Group Exhibition

An exhibition of artwork by the Mogo Wangganga Art Group opened at the Clyde Gallery in the Bay Pavilions on Friday 11th at the Clyde Galleries in the Bay Pavilions, the start of NAIDOC Week.

The Wangganga Group meets weekly at the Boomerang Meeting Place in Mogo. The group was founded eight years ago. The women gather to practice all forms of art, to support the healing of spirit, the connection to culture and to build a community of resilience. Wangganga is the Dhurga language word for women.



Emu Nest Basket by Kizzy Nye



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If you have printmaking experience and want to do more or know someone who does, you are invited to attend our first meeting on: **Thursday 24 July, 10am** Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya

At that meeting we would like to see who is interested in being part of the Collective and discuss how it would operate so that your printmaking can be supported and your experience shared with others. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mandy Hillson on 0447 028 493 or Bernie O'Neil on 0411 885 548 or email artmoruya@artcentral.org.au.



Moruya Community Film Group

Screening of WOMAN AT WAR, Saturday 26 July 2025 at 7pm Page Street, Moruya - The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis - Woman at War is a 2018 Icelandic-Ukrainian comedydrama film written, produced and directed by Benedikt Erlingsson,. It premiered in the Critics' Week section at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. It was released on 22 May 2018 to critical acclaim and selected as the Icelandic entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 91st Academy Awards ceremony, but it was not nominated . She is Halla, a beloved, single choir director in her early fifties, living a secret double-life as a green activist when no one is looking. Cutting power lines to sabotage a local aluminum plant in her spare time, Halla mostly operates alone in her heroic yet elaborate quests. She runs from helicopters and drones, hides in natural cracks of the earth and finds refuge in the home of a local greenhouse farmer (Jón Jóhannsson), who lends her a runaway vehicle and becomes her unofficial accomplice. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.

Saturday matinee movie - Moruya Saturday 26 July 2025 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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anDrei Muller, Natures Gift, 2024. Acrylics 92 x 4cm (detail)

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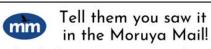
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PG | 1hr 54min

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M | 2hrs 9min

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Friends are firing up the BBQ so there will be plenty of food including drinks and fruit platters.

This project is another great example of Friends working together with council to support our much loved botanic garden

Please RSVP by Sunday 27th to Friends@erbg.org.au or call 4471 2544

We hope you can join us.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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- Wed 23rd July and Wed 13th August
- 7.00-8.00pm: join 2 online discussion groups Braidwood: Friday 12th September
- Attend face-to-face workshop 9.30am-1.00pm OR Batemans Bay: Saturday 13th September

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Murramarang South Coast Walk closed for storm damage assessment

Following extensive storm damage including fallen trees, beach erosion and damage to the track, the Murramarang South Coast Walk is currently closed. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has closed the walk until at least the end of August while clean up crews assess and repair the damage. After the recent heavy rain event in the South Coast, NPWS is advising walkers and campers to double-check campsites and other visitor areas are open before traveling south.

Before leaving home, check park closure updates on the NSW national parks alerts page at https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts/alerts-list.

2025 Hard Waste Collection dates

- · 28 July Kianga, Dalmeny, Potato Point, Bodalla
- 4 August Turlinjah, Tuross Head, Congo,

Bingie, Meringo, Bergalia

- 11 August Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Dr, Percy Davis Dr
- 18 August Bimbimbie, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands/Dunns Crk Rd, Guerilla Bay, North/South Rosedale, West Rosedale
- 25 August Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach (including The Ridge Rd, Kauzal Cres, Towrang Ave), Denhams Beach (including Burkes Way)
- 1 September Denhams Beach (from Burkes Way), Sunshine Bay, Batehaven
- 8 September Catalina, Silverdell PI through to Batemans Bay (including Crosby Dr and Glenella Rd)
- 15 September North Batemans Bay (including Peninsula Dr, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Rd, Cors Pde)
- 22 September Long Beach, Maloneys Beach,
 South Durras

Find more details about what will and won't be collected and check pick-up location dates on Council's hard waste collection webpage.

Missing fisherman search suspended after a boat is recovered off Narooma

The search has been suspended for a missing fisherman, after his empty boat was recovered off the South Coast yesterday Emergency services were called to Batemans Bay Marina about 8pm on Saturday (19 July 2025), after a fisherman had failed to return from a day's fishing trip.

Police have been told a 56-year-old man had left the marina about 6am in an 8 metre Arvor cruiser. He was spoken to about 10am but when he failed to return, emergency services were alerted about 7.20pm.

Marine Area Command (MAC) immediately launched a search operation, with assistance from officers attached to South Coast Police District, Marine Rescue NSW and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

The search continued, with the search area expanded to as far as Port Stephens in the north and south to the Victorian border.

About 1.20pm Tuesday, AMSA's Challenger aircraft located the boat about 80 nautical miles east of Narooma. No one was on board. Fisherman on board a nearby commercial fishing vessels assisted, to stop the vessel in challenging conditions.

The boat will be towed to shore.

Patrols by Marine Area Command will continue in the coming days.

Applications now open for Tim Fischer Fellowship

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Animal Welfare League News

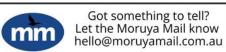
This is James, a four-year-old very handsome and laid-back gentleman. This 8kg bundle of pure affection came into care with Animal Welfare League because of his owner's serious illness. He has been raised with dogs and is looking for a new, multi-animal home where he can chill out and enjoy life's simple pleasures. James adores dogs, welcomes fellow cats, and charms every human he meets with his cruisy, relaxed nature. He loves to cuddle up with people or fellow pets and under blankets, and will bring nothing but happiness to whoever adopts him.

Like all AWL pets, James comes desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. Call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting.

AND – Mark the Date! The fabulous Tailwaggers Walk will happen on 21 September at NATA Oval Narooma. It will be bigger and better than ever because this year is Tailwaggers' 20th anniversary. Join us from 9.00 for a fabulous fun time featuring the dog walk, pet games and competitions and lots more. Or come earlier to browse or participate in the Car Boot Sale. All proceeds go to helping

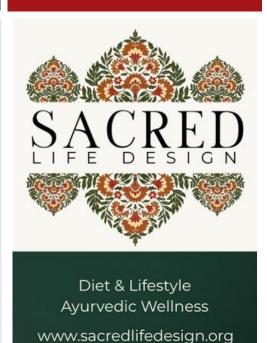












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2025 Diary Dates

- 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 Oct 2025 Sea Otter Australia MTB Event
- 31 Oct 2 Nov -Narooma Boats Afloat Festival
- 14-16 Nov Crank it Up Batemans Bay
- 22 Nov Giiyong Festival
- 27 Feb 1 Mar 2026 Cobargo Folk Festival
- 7 15 March 2026 Sculpture Bermagui
- 13 March 2027 NSW State Election
- May June 2026 SCULPTURE FOR CLYDE

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.

South Coast & Country Community Law (formerly Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre,) is coming to Moruya to provide in person legal appointments for clients. Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street When: Thursday 31st July 2025 10am to 2pm

How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

Tuross Community Markets

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

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).

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.

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 Woolie's.



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



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

Emergency Preparedness Tech Skills Training

Building a Digitally Ready Community: How Digital Mentor Training Supports Emergency Preparedness in Eurobodalla Be Ready Eurobodalla - Tech Talks coming up details -Moruya: Thursday, 24 July 2025 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Moruya Golf Club, 28A Evans Street Moruya NSW 2537 To anyone in the Eurobodalla who's ever struggled with technology or knows someone who does—help is not far away. And thanks to our growing network of digital mentors, it might just be your neighbour who's ready to guide you. Click here to register your interest

Trivia Night

Moruya Public School P&C Association is hosting a Trivia night on 9 August at the Moruya Golf Club. Tickets are \$20 each. You may pay for tickets at the school front office or contact the P&C President Leanne Greig on 0418 607 541





Moruya Mail Sport

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 18.7.25

Moruya River.

We had a very successful 21st birthday last Saturday, and would like to once again thank everyone that came out and our sponsors for their support.

With school holidays in full swing, there are plenty of family's out and about enjoying the clear warmish days and the trying their luck at finding a fish or two.

There have been some reasonable fish caught this past week, but the fishing has been slow, with both time and effort required to get into some fish.

The lower sections around the airport and Preddy's wharf have both proved popular locations with holiday it families, and both areas have turned up a few nice bream, flathead and the odd salmon or tailor. Mullet fillet is my go to bait for families out fishing. It will save mum or dads sanity when having to rebait constantly, as it stays on the hook really nicely. I also have plenty of it in stock at the moment.

The upper reaches of the river are very cold at the moment, which makes the lower areas the best place to start looking.

Tuross River.

The conditions in Tuross mirror those of Moruya at the moment, so the lower slightly warmer reaches of the river will be providing the best fishing at the moment. The area around the boat ramp and the boat sheds traditionally offers the better fishing for visiting families this time of year.

Expect to find flathead, bream, the odd mulloway or even some salmon around these areas.

Baits of cut pilchard or mullet fillet are both good options around these areas, as are soft plastics or bladed style lures. Fishing deep and slow, will offer the best chance of a cold slow moving fish coming across your presentation this time of year.

Rock and Beach.

The beaches at the moment are offering the best chance of finding fish, with salmon schools in abundance. There are some good sized salmon in the suds at the moment, with fish of 2-3kg s fairly common.

Along the rock ledges the drummer are more than willing to put your knots and rigs to the test also. A loaf of bread for burley and some prawns for bait is all you need to find some of these hard fighting brawlers for the table. Just keep an eye on the swells if you are planning a session from the stones.

Further north, the snapper have been making an appearance, for those willing to get up early and chase a few winter reds.

Offshore.

Snapper and tuna seem to be on most boaties lips at the moment, with tuna in the 60+kg range caught this week, and good numbers of snapper coming off the reefs also.

Swell conditions look good for the weekend, there will be some wind around however.

We still have a few 50% off items on sale after last weekends sale. Come into the store and see what is still too good to miss!

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

Teám Tackle World Moruya.





National Tree Day workshop: 5 trees for the home garden - Batemans Bay

Sunday 27 July 2025 10:30am - 12pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Visitor Centre Cost: \$10

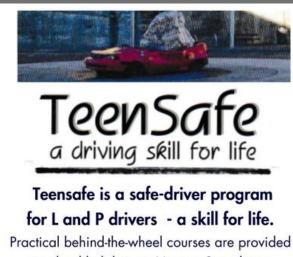
Join us on National Tree Day for a workshop all about tree planting and garden design. The Garden's very own Dylan Morrissey will teach you how to select species for home gardens and create a thriving landscape with native trees and shrubs. Bookings are essential

Secure your spot and book online by 27 July 2025, 10.30am:

 Book online tickets for 5 easy trees for the home garden More Information

For more information, contact our visitor centre:

• T: 02 4471 2544 E: <u>contact@erbg.org.au</u>



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Tomakin Twist Tops **Bowls Report**



What a beautiful warm sunny Winter's morning after last week's freezing cold one. President Pedro welcomed 20 Twisties, a little down on numbers as many bowling in Triples event in afternoon. Next week there will be a \$2 per bowl "Spider" played after morning bowls to raise funds for trips away and Christmas party etc. Deepest condolences to Almá on the passing of her brother Eric, we are all thinking of you. Hope you are feeling ok Annie if a bit battered and bruised I heard. Winners with Least Winning Ends on countback, K.C. and Pedro (photo).

Pedro selected Rink 2 to try for Jackpot of \$130. Cards were cut but no luck finding Joker. Lucky numbers,6 Besty, 1 Bob the Builder. Winning teams, Sandy and Chanty. Bob the Builder and Rolls. Mad Max and Smoothie. Alisha and Robbo. Trish the Dish & Irish.

Malua Bay Bowls Report



Well done to our Bowls Organiser Jay Breust and team winning their section Final in Open Men's Triples representing Cabra Bowls.

Good bowling in next week's Final. Congratulations Robyn Butcher, Patricia Weekes and Brooke Wilson in winning Club Championship Triples Final. Men's winners, Murray O'Bryan, Peter Hutchinson and Kayne Carmichael. (Photo)



Social bowlers had to contend with some very cold windy weather. Winners Rink 6, Tricia Wheeler, Robyn Butcher and Pat Bill. (photo)

Runners-up Rink 2, Sonia Frey, Sue Morgan and Margaret Bridges. Lucky Losers Rink, Joan Rimmer, Gayl Vidgen, Sue Palmer and Julie Knorpp. Money Club winners, 26 Lyn Hardy, 9 Wendy Geary.





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Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Brad Doolan with Secretary Michael Coloe

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 17th July 2025

A field of 38 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The day was cool but sunny and there were some wonderful scores. The winner set the pace early on and maintained the lead until the end

The Winners were: 1st: Brad Doolan (8) with 37 2nd: Col Houghton (2) with 36 points (countback) 3rd: Ray Bollard (5) with 36 4th: Nick Brice (10) with 34 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Nick Brice 6.28 A Grade 4th: Steven Day 6.70 B Grade 4th: Robert McDonell 10.74 C Grade 6th: Colin Houghton 1.79 A Grade 6th: Mark Haberkorn 2.10 B

Grade 7th: Ruth Gschwend 3.74 A Grade

Balls went to: Teri Swanbury 34, Robert McDonell 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Paul Scholze 33, Peter Garn 32, Ruth Gschwend 32, Jenny Reilly 32, Elsa Shearer 32, Bruce Lidbury 31 and Peter Coffey 31.



Winner: Ian Lawson with Vice Captain Paul Ferguson

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 19th July 2025

A field of 49 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was sunny and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1st: Ian Lawson (19) with 39 points (countback) 2nd: Anthony Mellick (29) with 39 points 3rd: Jim Wade (15) with 35 points (countback) 4th: Simon French (16) with 35 points (countback) 5th: John Eglitis (12) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Ray Bollard 2.38 A Grade 4th: Ian Lawson 1.75 B Grade 4th: Terry Milliken 14.05 C Grade 6th: Nic Boom 5.29 A Grade 7th: Ray Bollard 2.94 A Grade 7th: Ian Lawson 3.87 B Grade 7th: Terry Milliken 3.44 C Grade

Balls went to: Malcolm Gilbertson 34, Brad Doolan 34, Paul Ferguson 34. David Schmid 34. Tony Brown 33. Nic Boom 33, Robert McDonell 33, Lynette McDonell 33, Jenny Reilly 33, Michael Walsh 32, Stephen Swanbury 32, Peter Coffey 31, Bruce Handley 31, Ian McManus 31 and Michael Coloe 31.



Winners: Marie Muriwai, Chelsea Mayes and Jane Eglitis

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results -Tuesday 22nd July 2025

A field of 23 ladies signed up for the 4th Medal Round Stroke & Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Chris Wratten. It was a cool and windy day and a challenging game. Overall Winner: Chelsea Mayes (36) with 73 nett (Medal)

Grade A Winners:

1st: Marie Muriwai (24) with 75 nett 2nd: Chris Wratten (32) with 76 nett (countback)

Grade B Winners:

1st: Chelsea Mayes (36) with 73 nett 2nd: Elsa Shearer (40) with 77 nett

Grade C Winners:

1st: Jane Eglitis (42) with 77 nett 2nd: Jeanette Miller (41) with 80 nett

Place Getters: Pauline Nash 76, Dorothy Madden 78, Cate O'Brien 79, Gail Rogers 79, Annette Manton 80 and Judy Apps 81.

Hole Prize:

7th Dorothy Madden Golden Shot A 7th Kerrie SandsGolden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 6th Shirley Quinlan 7.06 15th Cate O'Brien2.34

Putting Comp:

Pauline Nash Lowest number of Marie Muriwai Lowest number of

Putts

Dianne Brown Lowest number of **Putts**



Winners: Steve Swanbury and Peter McRae

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 23rd July 2025

A field of 39 players signed up for a 2 Player Ambrose event today. The morning was cool but the sun was out and some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winning teams were:

1st: Steve Swanbury and Peter McRae with 33 nett 2nd: Jeanette and Ian Miller with 33.25 nett 3rd: Paula and Peter Coffey with 34.25 nett 4th: Steve Collins and Frank Pomfret with 35.5 nett 5th: Graham Moore and Des Jackson with 36 nett 6th: Warren Hodder and Steve Gardner with 37.25 nett 7th: Maree Coffey and Rob Nash with 38 nett

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot) 6th: Peter McRae (1st Shot) 7th: Ladies: Annette Manton (2nd Mens: Mike Birks (2nd Shot)

Accuracy: Rob West (5th hole)

Bradmans: Les Thompson and Rob West





Open Triples Finalists Decided at Tuross Head

On another mild, sunny winter's day Tuross Head Bowling Club held the semi-finals of the 2025/26 Open Triples Championship. The slight difference this week was a gusty breeze that made conditions testing for players and spectators alike!

After recently collecting awards – at the Annual Presentation Day – in three of the four major championships for women played in the 2024/25 season, Sue Fahey has started the new season in the same vein, leading her side into the final of the first Championship event of the new season. Illness to John Fahey meant she had to arrange a substitute for the first game and when he had not recovered enough to play this week Marcel Kors, himself just back from a knee replacement operation, was co-opted into the team as a replacement!

Fahey and Kors were joined in the team by lead Alan McLeod and they played Phil Welsh, Rose Farrington (subbing for Chris Bright) and Allan Etheredge in a game that saw the fortunes of the sides fluctuate. A couple of great bowls from Fahey got her side off to a good start but the Etheredge side quickly found their form and by the 10th end the teams were locked at 8 all. Etheredge then had a period of dominance before Fahey fought back to be level at 11 all after 14 ends. Fahey moved ahead by 15 – 12 after 17 ends only to see a quick reply from Etheredge to give his side a 17 – 15 lead after 19 ends.

The 20^{th} end proved to be the critical end. The Fahey team was able to pick up the biggest score of the game when they scored 5 shots to retake the lead at 20 – 17. They then consolidated their lead when they won the next 3 ends to move to a 23 – 17 advantage with just two ends to play. One shot on the 24^{th} end left Etheredge needing a miracle to win or draw the match. Fahey managed to take the end and record a hard-fought win 24 shots to 18.

The other semi-final was between Mark Velder, Ben Hewison and Bruce Magilton and Jim Macklin, Marg Downey and Ray Downey with Magilton's side the prematch favourites. However, Downey's side had a dream start winning the first 9 ends to build up a 12 – 0 lead. Downey played some very good bowls in this period to guide his side well. Seven of these ends were won by a single shot showing how close most ends were. After Magilton's side opened their score on the 10th end Downey was able to pick up another two shots to make the score 14 – 1 after 11 ends.

Magilton's team had a good period of play winning the next four ends but were only able to pick up 6 shots to make the score 14 – 7 in Downey's favour after 15 ends. Some exceptional draw bowls from Macklan and Marg Downey over the next 3 ends meant that their side was able to extend their lead to 20 – 7 before another good period for Magilton meant they reduced the deficit to 20 – 12 with four ends to play.

The draw bowling of Macklan and Marg Downey over the last four ends allowed their team to close the match out and record a very impressive victory of 26 shots to 12. The Final between the two winning teams is scheduled to be played on Saturday July 26th starting at 11.30 am.



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Sue Fahey (centre) with 2024_25 Ladies Triple winners Di Newell and Lorraine JohnstonJPG







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